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On the Street

By "Dique"

It is the same old town, but my, how much better it looks since the trash was ranted away!

There are men claiming to be democrats, whose talk and conduct would make the departed saints of the party turn over in their graves.

Do you know that the Decatur Lions Club is the only organization of the kind in the state, owning its own club building?

Messenger has always made it a rule in soliciting and enrolling subscribers for the paper, to secure those men and women who are well able to patronize our advertisers.

Miss Myrtle Richardson, one of our native girls who has gone into the big town and has made good in merchandising, writes in to the Messenger from Fort Worth, inviting her friends to come and see her.

The sulphur interests are entertaining the legislators with dinners, barbecues and dances. Up to and including the present hour, the said sulphur interests have never been bothered by the old tax gatherer. It seems those interests know how to get things done.

The bank celebrated Lincoln's birthday by closing, giving all employees a holiday. If "Old Abe" were alive today he would be 136 years old. Many interesting stories are told about Lincoln, and he is now recognized as one of the greatest men the country has produced.

Don't fall out with the editor and his newspaper if the publication happens to publish an article about some fellow you dislike. You must remember, or should remember, that the editor is frequently called upon to publish articles, many of them, that do not agree with his views. Be fair.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. McDermott are new citizens in this community having recently purchased a part of the Wise man land west of Decatur, the property just vacated by Jim Cummins. Mr. McDermott comes from Goldthwaite, in Mills county. From all reports received by the Messenger, this section gained by the addition of these splendid people to our citizenship. McDermott is a progressive man, and he will soon begin the erection of a new residence on his property.

"I knew Quanah Parker well when we both lived at Fort Sill," said A. E. Estes. "In fact, we've herded many a steer together and have ridden all over that section of Oklahoma. Quanah was a most likeable man, both as an Indian and White man. When he was with his tribe, he always wore the Indian costume, but when he traveled he wore civilian clothes. He was in the employ of the Burnetts and the Waggoners before the Nation was settled and help care for the cattle of both men. I knew him from 1879 to 1886."

J. F. Leitner, one of the best and most successful truck farmers in Wise county, living on the Decatur-Alvord highway, says he is expecting to raise "the finest tomatoes ever grown in the county" the coming season; the land is now ready. Joe has made quite a reputation in growing tomatoes heretofore, and the coming season will see him going in the business on a large scale. "Lake Isabel" is well known. On a certain piece of land, Leitner made about \$1,000, that had been producing \$5.00 and \$10.00 to a former owner.

The "Freemans," Fred Sr., and Fred Jr., in recent days have been improving their herd of Herefords on their Golden Hoof Ranch, west of Denton. They sold their old bulls and have bought two registered boys to take their places, not that the old "uns" weren't good, but we just wanted to introduce some new blood, said Senior Freeman. One of the new stock came from G. D. Mitcham, of Cisco, and the other from Winston Bros., of Snyder. The old stock was sold to C. W. Tinnon, Jr., of Mexia, another well known fancier of herefords.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

The Spanish-American war veterans, who are drawing pensions, are pleased about the report coming out of Washington that pensions are to be raised to \$75.00 and \$100.00 per

J. M. WOODY DIES AT DENISON

Son of First Settler Passes Away and Is Buried Deep Creek

Mr. J. M. Woody, 74 years of age, died at a hospital in Denison Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Funeral services were held in that city at 10 o'clock Monday morning, after which the remains were brought to the Deep Creek church, where Dr. J. L. Ward, long time friend of the deceased, conducted a service. Interment was had at the cemetery there.

In the death of Mr. Woody, we chronicle the going of one of the pioneer citizens of the county. He was born in the Deep Creek community and his parents were among the first citizens coming to this county, Uncle Sam and Mrs. Woody. These old settlers came here and located a home in that section in the year of 1852.

Mr. Woody was a most honorable man and was loved and respected by all who knew him. His wife was a Miss Baits, member of another pioneer and beloved family. A number of years ago Mr. Woody was in business in Decatur, being the proprietor of a livery stable on East Main street, and after operating it for several years, he and his family moved to Oklahoma, where he entered business.

A large number of relatives were here to attend the funeral at Deep Creek, and many citizens from Decatur were in attendance. One daughter and his wife survive.

County Baptist Workers Meet at Bridgeport

The Wise County Baptist Workers' meeting was held in Bridgeport Tuesday, February 14. A large number attended. The program was as follows:

Discussion of the different phases of our associational work, was given by the leaders in each division. 10 a. m., devotional, Rev. W. W. NeSmith; 10:20, Sunday School, Fred Parnell; 10:40, B. T. U., Stanley Jordan; 11:00, Baptist Standard, W. H. Thorne; 11:20, Brotherhood, Ross A. Smith; 11:40, Evangelism, R. E. Bell; 12:10, Lunch; 1:20 p. m., Board Meeting; 2:30, Education, Henry Finley; 2:50, Hundred Thousand Club and Ministers Retirement Plan, R. E. Bost.

Some changes in the women's work were made as follows:

Mrs. J. V. Patterson of Decatur was elected corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Leslie Boaz of Decatur was elected corresponding sec-treas.

The president, Mrs. R. E. Bost, appointed Mrs. Floyd Clifton, Decatur, as Mission chairman.

Some plans for Rally Day, to be held at Decatur Baptist church on March 14 were made.

D. B. C. Indians to Play John Tarleton

The DBC Indians will play John Tarleton for first place in the conference Friday night. Come early and get seats. Buses from all over the county are bringing students. We are getting word from over the county about the John Tarleton game and the gym is going to be crowded for standing room. Admission for students, 10c; adults, 25 cents.

Mrs. H. T. Breedlove and daughter, Mrs. Howard Jordan, were Fort Worth visitors this week.

month. Just wondering what Gen. Grant would think of the pension laws of this country, were he back among the living. Remember, the union general stated that pensions should not go to anyone who was not incapacitated in the service of his country, and that the pension rolls should rapidly dwindle ten years after the close of the civil war. There are many people drawing pensions today, many, many times more, than Grant had in the Gettysburg campaign; more than there were soldiers in both North and South in the War Between the States. There are multiplied thousands drawing compensation out of the treasury who never saw an avowed enemy of this country, there are Mexican war widows drawing princely amounts who never saw a Mexican; there are federal ex-soldiers drawing pensions who never contacted a rebel warrior, or smelled burnt gun-powder; there are ex-soldiers who "fought, bled and died," in the trenches in Cuba and the Philippines, on the pension rolls who never viewed a trench, who have never met a hostile Cuban or Spaniard, or a peeved Phillipino. 'Tis true.

HI-WAY BEAUTY ADVOCATES HERE

Ladies Who Want More and Better Roads to Meet Tuesday

Beginning next Tuesday morning, February 21, at 10 o'clock, in the Lions Club building, a session of the District Association of Highway Beautification will begin a program to last throughout the day.

Details and discussion of the business details of the meeting will be held in the scout's room in the basement and at noon in the dining hall of the main floor a luncheon will be spread for guests and members. The dinner fee will be sixty-five cents for all who participate.

The district meeting was called by Mrs. Will H. Lake, Fort Worth, chairman of the area. A number of visitors are expected to attend from neighboring towns in the district, notably Fort Worth, Jacksboro, Mineral Wells, Cleburne and elsewhere and also from several communities of Wise county.

Previous monthly meetings of the organization have been held at a number of the towns mentioned and most of them have been attended by members of the Decatur and Wise county organizations. Mrs. J. T. Darwin is the president of the Wise county group and Mrs. Alma Dallas Jennings Secretary. These local ladies and other local members will have charge of the program next Tuesday.

E. C. Woodard, Fort Worth division Engineer of Division No. 2 of the Texas State Highway Commission, and Landscape Engineer Woodard of the same organization are among those who will address the meeting in addition to Mrs. Lake. Mrs. Lake is also the president of the Texas State Confederation of Garden Clubs and one of Texas' notable civic leaders.

Here are some of the objectives of this practically new movement of highway beautification: Preservation and planting of native trees and shrubs along the highway right of ways; removal of advertising signs and bill boards; develop plans for the beautification of grounds around public buildings, churches and schools; sanitation of earing places along the highways and the provision of adequate clean rest rooms meeting state health requirements for the benefit of the public; adequate marking of highways and roads; beautification of common roads and farm homes and farm properties abutting of highways.

Assistant to Help With Income Tax to Be Here

For the convenience of those who are required by law to file Federal Income Tax Returns, a deputy collector of internal revenue will be at the First National bank in Decatur on March 2, 1939 to assist taxpayers in preparing their returns. No charge will be made for this service. The matter of filing your income tax return should be given immediate attention, in order to avoid penalty and interest.

You are required to file a return if your net income is \$1,000 or over or your gross income is \$5,000 or over and you are single (or married and not living with husband or wife) or if you are married and living with husband or wife and your net income is \$2,500 or over or your gross income is \$5,000 or over.

Form to be used: Form 1040A should be used for net income of not more than \$5,000 derived from salaries, wages, interest, dividends and annuities.

Form 1040 should be used for net incomes from salaries, wages, interest, dividends and annuities of more than \$5,000, and incomes from other sources regardless of amounts. All returns must be filed in duplicate.

When and where to file the return: Your return for the calendar year 1938 must be filed not later than March 14, 1939, with the Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which you reside or have your principal place of business.

Penalty: A penalty of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both, is imposed by statute for willful failure to make return on time, and, in addition, 5 to 25 per cent of the amount of the tax.

Clyde Holt Will Judge Fiddle Contest

At the invitation of the Bowie Chamber of Commerce, Clyde Holt will go to Bowie Friday night to act as one of the Judges in a community old time fiddle contest in which cash prizes are offered. Mrs. Holt will accompany him.

CUCUMBER MART FOR THIS TOWN

Meeting Called for Saturday Afternoon in County Courthouse

Next Saturday afternoon in the courtroom at 2 o'clock a meeting of farmers will be held at which it will be decided if a market and grading plant for cucumbers is desired this summer. If court is not in session the meeting will be held in the district court room, other wise in the county court room down stairs.

The contract and the price scale will be explained at this meeting and it will be necessary for farmers to pledge sufficient acres to obtain the market. So far this is the only spot cash market at a price that will not change offered farmers for a truck crop this year. It has worked out successfully in three communities of Wise county during the past two years and already at Alvord and Paradise between around 300 acres have been signed up for this year's operations.

Interested Decatur growers are requested not to overlook next Saturday's meeting. They should be present themselves or else send word if they desire this market and will plant acreage to require to it.

Decatur Debaters Will Go to Denton Debate

Denton, Texas, Feb. 15.—Two Decatur high school debaters are listed among 136 students from 29 schools of Texas who have already filed their acceptance to an invitation to compete in the second annual debate institute to be held at the North Texas State Teachers College Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18. Dr. Joe M. Ray, director of the institute announced this week.

Approximately twice the number already entered should turn out for the tournament. Dr. Ray stated. The Institute is conducted each year for the purpose of affording high school debaters of Texas the opportunity to hear lectures by a group of the most prominent speakers of the state and to practice debates on the current interscholastic League question, when this year is: Resolved, that Texas should adopt a uniform retail sales tax. Last year the attendance was 206 debaters and 41 coaches.

The Institute draws debaters from towns within a radius of 150 miles or better with some schools sending as many as six teams to the meet.

The debate Institute Committee, which consists of Mrs. Olive M. Johnson, head of the College speech department, Bullock Hyder, College debate coach, and Dr. Ray have planned an extensive program for the visiting debaters. Luncheons for the high school boys and girls will be held at noon on Friday and Saturday in the Crystal Room of Marquis Hall, with Hyder and Mrs. Johnson presiding on the respective days.

During the two day institute the visitors will hear lectures from Roy Bedichek, head of the Interscholastic League, N. S. Holland Supr. Breckenridge public schools; Thomas A. Rousseau, debate coach of the University of Texas; Prof. George C. Hester of Southwestern University; and Judge Sarah T. Hughes of the 14th district court of Dallas.

The students will be guests of the college at the world premiere showing of the opera, "Cynthia Parker," Friday night in the college auditorium where Leonora Corona, Metropolitan star will sing the title role in the opera by Julia Smith, Teachers College alumna.

Acceptances have already been made by Alvarado, Archer City, Bonham, Decatur, Ennis, Farmersville, Garland, Gore, Grand Saline, Grapevine, Harford, Kaufman, Masonic Home of Ft. Worth, Perrin, Plano, Roaring Springs, Wills Point, Wimsboro, Talco, Rochester, Grand Prairie, Jacksboro, Plano, Chillicothe, Richardson, and Tolar.

OLD TIMERS PAY THE HOME TOWN A VISIT

Tom and Sam Woody, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma., were visiting friends and relatives in Decatur Tuesday. These two are natives of Delightful Decatur and Wonderful Wise, leaving here some thirty-nine years ago to seek their fortunes in the west. They are sons of the lamented T. D. Woody, cattleman here in the early days, and one of the county's most prominent citizens. T. D. Woody was a son of "Uncle Sam," the original Wise county citizen of the Deep Creek community. The visitors were welcome callers at the Messenger office.

COL. THOMPSON TALKS EDITORS

Popular Commissioner Guest of Newspaper Men in Austin

Austin, Tex., 11:00 a. m. Friday, February 10, 1939.—This is an opportunity to which I have long looked forward—the opportunity to express my deep appreciation to a group of men and women who have been exceptionally kind to me. I want each of you to know that I am grateful to you. It is my opinion that the newspapers lean backward in an attempt to be fair, and I have never had the feeling that any newspaper, or any newspaperman, has intentionally been unjust to me.

I have always felt that the man who belabors the newspaper and their representatives is setting up a straw man to draw attention away from his own shortcomings. The press, as a group, is too conscious of its own power to misuse it. Personally, I have always told interviewers that I asked of them only one thing: That they get my name right. If they get my name right, I have no fear of anything said about me. I have been reliably informed by many of my newspaper friends that editors even have difficulty in getting their own names spelled right in their own papers.

Please pardon the personal allusions with which I have begun this speech. It was done with malice aforethought as a result of having read recently a piece by one of your contemporaries, a man named Wolcott, who analyzed Lincoln's Gettysburg address. As you know, the papers of Lincoln's day thought his address the most inept, weak and inappropriate ever delivered by a man in high public position. Today, Lincoln's address is regarded almost universally as a masterpiece of the English language and a model of comprehensive brevity. Wolcott had his own theory of why this is so, why a speech which made no impression when delivered has survived as a great speech when read. He says it was entirely too short; that nobody ever listens, anyway, to the things a speaker says when he first begins to speak. People are moving around. They are thinking about what they are doing just before the speech started. It takes a little time for them to enter their mind upon the speaker's words. And before they had time to concentrate on the speech Lincoln had finished.

No Lincoln or Jim Hogg myself, I must perforce work around gradually to my subject matter if I expect an audience. Moreover, you have set me on a difficult task—the task of telling you men and women something about a theme about which each and everyone of you know much more than I could ever hope to know. It is the fundamental principle of journalism. It is the ideal by which every newspaperman worthy of the name must live: The freedom of the press.—The first and most important force working for the liberation of the human spirit.

Fools and guest speakers rush in where angels fear to tread; hence, at the express invitation of your committee on arrangements, I must attempt today to give a layman's viewpoint of the privileges and responsibilities which it seems to me are inherent in that phrase—Freedom of Press.

Freedom of speech, freedom of worship—they have been themes for some of the finest expressions in the English language. As principles of government, they are the most important links in the keystone which supports the liberty of America. The right of every man to express his views upon all questions affecting the public interest has been defended by every great thinker in public life since the Magna Charta. Without free speech, no discovery of truth is useful. Without free speech, progress is checked and the nations no longer march forward. Better a thousandfold abuse of free speech than denial of free speech. The abuse dies in a day, but the denial slays the life of the people and entombs the hope of the race. "I do not agree with what you say but I will give my life to defend your right to say it" or print it. This quotation embodies the heart of freedom.

No man doubts, in this day of dictators, that liberty is worth fighting for. Particularly are the American liberties worth that sacrifice. You who daily watch the press wires of a world unfold the grim story of mad nations abroad, you whose pencils jot down the headlines which bring men on the street face to face with this tale of horror and madness which threaten to engulf the entire world—you above all must realize the sacredness of the

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NOTES FROM THE COUNTY AGENT

BY D. F. EATON
County Agent

SHEEP MEN MEET SATURDAY
Every sheep owner in the county is cordially invited to attend a lamb and wool marketing meeting in Decatur, Saturday, February 18, to be held at the courthouse at 1:30 p. m.

A representative of the Texas livestock marketing association will be here to discuss marketing of sheep and lambs. Mr. W. R. Nisbet, A. and M. Extension Sheep Specialist, of the Extension Department, will discuss sheep problems in general.

Mr. L. P. Aston will discuss wool marketing. He represents the Midwest Wool Marketing association with offices now in Fort Worth, Texas.

We believe it will be to your interest to attend this meeting and enter into the discussion of these problems.

The question of a "Sheep Field Day" will also be discussed at this time. The committee appointed by the Wise County Agricultural club will meet at this time to plan for this meeting.

Wise County Agricultural Assn.
Some forty-five farmers, most of them members of the Texas Agricultural Association, met on Saturday here at the courthouse to form a county association.

Several topics of immediate importance were discussed and acted upon by this group. They decided to send a delegation to Austin next Wednesday and Thursday to attend the open hearing by the House and Senate agricultural committees on important proposed legislation affecting agriculture.

The meeting was called by Mr. A. B. Van Meter, chairman of the Wise County Agricultural Conservation association. After stating the purpose of the meeting, he then turned the meeting over to R. Cal McCurdy, chairman of the local organization.

The farmers present expressed themselves in favor of a law increasing the maximum truck load and the retaining of the gasoline tax refund law as it effects the operations of tractors. This group is not inclined to get into political question except as they directly affect agricultural interests.

This open hearing to be held at Austin this week is an innovation and has never before happened in Texas.

The following were delegated to go to Austin: A. B. Van Meter, R. Cal McCurdy, Edd E. Hornback, A. C. Bennett, Floyd Doyle and Dale Maeyers.

The members of this organization plan to meet back here Saturday, February 18 at 12:30 p. m. at the courthouse.

The Seymour Meeting
Mr. A. B. Van Meter, Guy Collier, J. E. Witherspoon, E. B. Harrison, Mrs. Edd Hornback, Mrs. Cal McCurdy, Miss Ruth Farquhar, and Miss Alice Barnett, attended the meeting at Seymour on Monday, February 13.

The purpose of the meeting was to plan the development of the Texas Agricultural Association in this district which covers seventeen counties in this section of the state, beginning with Wise and extending to King's county.

The present agricultural situation is so acute that organization among farmers is absolutely necessary for the protection of agricultural interests.

Rural Electrification
The membership survey has been completed, the maps have been made and the necessary easements secured. These are now in the possession of the electrical engineers who have shaped them for submission to Washington for approval. Upon the approval of these documents, an allotment of funds sufficient to build and operate the system of rural lines is expected to be made.

The local organization will then consider letting contracts for the construction of some 350 miles of rural lines in Wise and adjoining counties. These lines will serve approximately 1000 rural customers.

The directors and officers of the Wise Electric Cooperative Inc., is to be congratulated for putting this proposition over in such an efficient way in so far as they have gone.

Triple A Progress
The local office reports 1,065 applications have been completed and sent in to the state office.

The county board is expecting checks to begin to arrive by the last of the month and during next month. Notices will be sent out to those receiving checks upon their arrival in this office.

Old signers will not have to make application for work sheets in 1939, but those who have not previously co-

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Chamber Notes

Evidence that Decatur's community and Wise county continues to grow, spread and build becomes manifest as often as a survey of construction activities is made. Current building and improvement projects underway and planned for as noted by the Chamber of Commerce are mentioned in the following list:

Greenwood has work underway on a modern school building under the supervision of Contractor Grover Cleveland.

Contractor Ira Stepp is rapidly putting the completion phases on the fine new brick veneer home for Dr. J. T. Darwin in south Decatur.

Workmen are dismantling the remains of the Hogg family home, practically destroyed by fire in the last few months, preparatory to rebuilding. The property is owned by Miss Maud Hogg.

Bruce Bulgare's new three story brick business and apartment building on east Walnut Street has reached the stage where the roof will soon be laid. Carpenters will soon begin the finishing work on the interior.

The L. L. Burgess retail and whole sale feed and flour distributing business is again undergoing substantial expansion. An extension, 70 x 40 feet, of brick construction is now being off the southwest exposure of the present building. The new addition will have a basement of the same size.

Dr. T. G. Rogers will equip the top floor of his building occupied first floor by the Empire drug store with apartments in each end a dining hall to accommodate fifty people in the middle section.

Plans are being made for expansion and rebuilding on a more modern scale the east side Gulf Service station on east Main street, H. R. Fullington, manager.

Outler D. Gose contemplates building a residence on the old David Gose lot in west Decatur.

Hub Heathington has started work on a rock veneer residence east across the street from his home in west Decatur.

C. Cocanougher has bought a lot from E. P. Gibson in north Decatur on Miller street and is preparing to build a residence.

The Uvalde Construction Co. has crews stretched across the seven miles extent of highway 24 east from Decatur and is progressing with the construction of the road bed. The contract was supplemented with an additional contract calling for surfacing on the portion completed from Sweetwater Creek to the Denton county line some time ago. The project for surfacing the Denton county section will be approved in Austin this month, and at the conclusion of all projects a finally finished modern highway will extend east from Decatur to Denton.

The Bitulithic Co. is moving dirt on the three-mile stretch south from Decatur on State Highway No. 2, preparatory to relaying the surface with concrete.

Considerable employment is being afforded by these projects and quite a number of new families have been added to the population of Decatur as a result.

Morrison & Co., construction engineers for Wise Electric Cooperative, have filed final maps with the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington, for distribution of rural electric lines in Wise and parts of Tarrant and Parker counties. Two hundred miles of main lines were mapped and eleven member cooperatives have been signed up. Jennings Brown, co-op attorney, advised that about four hundred more subscribers will be pledged within the next few days in Montague county. Mrs. Arnold Davenport is the capable local office manager. Two hundred thirty thousand dollars was tentatively approved for Wise county construction. Subsequently application was made for one hundred thousand dollars additional, but the project continues to expand and new territory added. The recently completed maps and all supplementary matter have been filed at Washington for final approval. It is expected that in thirty to sixty days actual construction work will begin on the distribution lines.

Decatur's new high school project is now before the department at Washington for consideration, having met with the approval of both the district WPA office and engineers at Fort Worth and regional office at San Antonio. Some smaller items of additional data were requested of local authorities here this week and the outlook is quite favorable to final acceptance and allotment, according to local advices.

Drivers on the highway toward Alvord should take note of the substantial improvement work on the highway markings under directions of Holly Renshaw, county foreman of state highways. Designated as backslapping

Boyd Business Men and Farmers Boost FFA

At the regular monthly meeting of the Boyd Future Farmers Monday night, the further development of a Chapter Savings Bank was the order of the day. Several committee reports were made. Lavern Flowers, chairman of leadership committee reported progress in the leadership contest. Cecil Adams in the absence of Norris Spencer, chairman of the supervised practice committee, reported 90 per cent of chapter members as having projects, the other 10 per cent making special effort to get projects and that a project show in the near future was to be expected.

Foy Read, chairman of committee on Chapter Savings Bank, gave a financial statement, and reported 56.9 per cent of the chapter members as members of the savings bank. Startey Wilson, another member of the savings bank committee, very ably introduced our guest speakers, Mr. W. R. Boyd, Mr. I. J. Wren, and Mr. C. L. Bassham.

Other guests were Mr. Lawrence Goodger, Mr. Earl Read, Mr. C. L. Clemens, Mr. Ernest Flowers, Mr. G. L. Taylor and Jim Crowmover. The chapter really appreciates the presence of Dads and others. We wish to ex-

press the purpose is that of eliminating the dangerous and ugly side ditches that disfigure and renders unsafe most highways. Foreman Renshaw and his workmen are doing such a good job that general commendable praise of the accomplishment is being elicited. It is the hope that the improvement may be visited, in the long run, on all county highways.

At last accounting one truck driver had gathered and hauled out of town sixteen big loads of trash and another had gathered and hauled fourteen big loads, which indicates something of the progress made during last week's general clean-up sponsored by the city administration and conducted under encouragement of committees appointed by Carl Christian, chairman of the Civic Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Weather of the days selected for the drive, last Friday and Saturday, was cold and inclement, but despite this the drive was successful. It is felt that citizens who were prevented from taking part will continue the effort as opportunity occurs, and as for a number of vacant lots and odd corners here and there where debris has accumulated but was not disturbed last week it is thought that Mr. Christian's committee will contrive some special means of reaching and cleaning such places.

President H. M. Buttrill of the Chamber of Commerce and directors in regular meeting appointed E. R. Williams as chairman of a special committee to arrange for a general dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to be held soon at which the progress of the community will be reviewed and objectives of the future outlined. Mr. Williams and Mr. Buttrill will make additional appointments of members to assist the chairman in conducting the event. A nominating committee to submit to the general meeting a list of members to be considered and voted on as a board of directors was appointed by the directors. Members of the nominating committee are: J. A. Woodward, Claud Cummings, John Musgrove.

Dr. S. J. Petty denotes and acclaims a remarkable improvement in the condition of the common road system of the county. Properly the credit for such improvement should go to the works Progress Administration and to members of the Wise County Commissioner's court who have sponsored and cooperated in an undertaking of so profound a value. The next time we feel prone to direct a shot of criticism at this form of government financial activity let us remember the vastly improved common road system the WPA will leave behind as a monument to its value.

tend to you and to all the Dads that were not present an invitation to be with us in our next regular meeting on March 13, 1939. —Raymond Jones, Reporter.

Killer of Father is Wanted for Murder

Duane Kellum Martin, 22, who was once no-billed by a Dallas grand jury for murdering his father, Webb Martin, notorious Texas bank robber, was in custody of Dallas detectives on a charge of murder in the slaying of a liquor store operator in Los Angeles, California on January 17.

Detective Inspector Will Fritz said that Martin was captured a week ago by Detectives J. T. Luther and Fred Keith, but the arrest was kept secret because their investigation was not complete. Martin is accused of killing Abraham Fox in his liquor store last month, during a robbery in which he took \$14.

Inspector Fritz said that he had word from Los Angeles that extradition papers are being prepared and Martin will be transferred back to California within the next few days.

The killing of Webb Martin occurred June 30, 1935, in a house on Strickland street.

Webb Martin and Yancey Storey, his partner, were notorious 15 years ago in Dallas and the southwest as leaders of a desperate gang of bank robbers. Webb Martin killed a peace officer, Bob Parsons, in Denton in 1925 and then he and Storey barricaded themselves in a building across the street from the then CIA campus, where officers besieged them in a pitched battle.

Schuyler Marshall, Dallas sheriff at the time went to Denton with Deputy John Roland to help the Denton officers, and held a peace parley with Martin and Storey in the house in which they had barricaded themselves after the two officers had first laid aside their arms. The parley failed, and in a resumption of the battle Martin and Storey were captured.

Martin was tried and convicted in the killing of Parsons but later was pardoned. Storey was tried and given 99 years for robbery, but his case was reversed and he never was tried again. He is believed to be living in Denton county now. —Dallas Dispatch-Journal.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS IN BIBLE STUDY

The Baptist Missionary Society met Monday at 2 p. m. at the church in a Bible study. We meet next Monday in a mission study at 3 p. m. in separate circles. The Bernice Neel circle meets with Mrs. Lois Batdorf. The Blanche Grove circle meets with Mrs. Hunt.

J. W. GRANTHAM GETS ANOTHER PROMOTION

J. W. Grantham, brother of Drew Grantham of Boonesville, at present stationed at 208 U. S. Courthouse, Portland, Oregon, has been recently promoted to a higher rank, this being the fourth promotion he has received since entering the service of the United States Marines in 1926. He has served continuously since that date, having seen service in the Philippines, China, Guam, Canal Zone, Hawaiian Islands and on both East and West coasts.

Grantham's last visit home was at the time of his father's death in 1933. He is looking forward to a visit to Boonesville in the near future in order to see his brother and family and renew acquaintances with all his old friends and school mates, prior to another assignment to foreign duty.

After seven more years' service, Grantham will be eligible for retirement from active service and has stated his intention to return to Wise county at that time.

On one Mexican railway line, solid ebony ties are used in sections to support the ties. The ebony flourishes in nearby forests and is so hard that holes must be drilled into it for the railroad spikes.

A Rising Young Dallas Business Man

If there is anybody in Dallas who knows more about the automobile business than Jno. Morriss, head of one of the oldest automobile concerns in the city, it's probably his son, Robert J. Morriss.

Altho he is only 21 years old, Robert has been in the automobile business for 15 years. He got his start at the age of 6, running errands and doing other odd jobs for his father's company. His first week's salary was five shiny new dimes, which he had to stand on tiptoe to reach from the cashier's high desk.

After school hours and during summer vacations, in succeeding years, he continued to work in his father's company, learning every branch of automobile work—changing tires, washing cars, serving as "grease monkey" and son on.

When the time came, Robert went off to Kemper Military Academy for his preparatory schooling, but he still came home each summer to learn more about automobiles. He continued his education at SMU, which he attended thru last spring.

Now he is new car sales manager in his father's company. The many years he spent finding out all about what makes the gears and cogs in an automobile motor go around are invaluable to him in explaining the fine points to prospects. Next summer he plans to attend the Chevrolet school for sons of dealers.

Jno. E. Morriss got his own start in the automobile business 25 years ago. Within a few years he became head of the company that bears his name. It is the only Chevrolet agency in Oak Cliff, and Morriss points out that its Ninth and Lancaster location is "only two minutes from any viaduct"—Dallas Dispatch Journal.

This young man, one of the coming business men of Dallas, not only knows the automobile business, as the above article taken from the Dallas Dispatch-Journal shows, but he used splendid judgement in choosing a wife, believe Decatur citizens. He married Miss Dorcas Dodson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dodson, prominent citizens of Decatur.

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Dallas News Gets Liquor Board Praise

Austin, Texas, Feb. 15.—The Dallas News' recent editorial supporting the Liquor Control Board was hailed today by Liquor Administrator Bert Ford as an endorsement "of the highest order" for the Board's enforcement policy.

"I think the Dallas News reflects the attitude of our best citizens who want liquor control to be a fact instead of an empty phrase," Mr. Ford said, "and I consider the editorial an endorsement of the highest order."

Mr. Ford said the Board's policy of strict enforcement had eliminated many undesirable conditions which antagonize public opinion, and expressed his belief that continuation of the policy would work for the best interests of the state.

The Dallas News editorial, which appeared on February 10, said in part: "If we must have liquor, we must

have control. And whatever control is set up, there will be enough holes in it to assure that it is very far from perfect. But centralized state control is far better than local supervision under which you get regulation in proportion to politics. Politics small, regulation high. Politics large, regulation weak. And how many counties can boast little politics at their court-houses?"

"What is needed then is legislation not to abolish regulation, but to improve it. Let's keep the State Liquor Board and incidentally keep it right side up."

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Col. Thompson Talks

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torch which has been thrust into your hands. You know that a free people, an enlightened people, will never be a fettered people. Fungi and mould flourish only in darkness. Filth and crime and insanity are coordinate of ignorance, be that filth and crime and insanity in the lowly hovel of an individual, or in the great council chambers of a nation. America will be free so long as America's press is free. When freedom of the press ends, America ends—the American we know. Then ends, too, the ideals, the hopes, the dreams, embraced in the word America; then too will end the aspirations and achievements of a free people.

These things you well know; these things you often have heard. But to a layman, it seems that the phrase, "freedom of the press" is sometimes considered in too sharp a focus. For the man who reads the newspapers, who depends upon them for opinion-forming ideas, whose day-to-day life is charted by the press—a man who says, with Will Rogers, all I know is what I read in the papers—Freedom of the press must be more than freedom from government censorship.

Government censorship and freedom of the press, it appears to a layman, too frequently are set up against each other as the only opposites. In fact, there are other censorships than government; and from these, too, the press must be free to survive. Liberty has its responsibilities, as grave as the care imposed by the watchful eye of a censor. An entirely free press must be free of bias and prejudice and intolerance, free of domination by special interests, willing always to present the negative as well as the affirmative side of public questions. Freedom in the broadest sense.

Nor, I believe, does the press discharge its responsibilities by presenting a bare recital of facts. The press must realize that it moulds as well as reflects public opinion, and it must so present the facts that they will be misleading to no man. Millions in America look to the press for advice. It is indeed a tight wire upon which the editor must balance. His purpose is to bring the truth to all the people; and knowing truth is not always the simple thing the statement infers. Truth is often cruel. Yet, however much the editor's personal preferences might lead him in that direction, he cannot subscribe to Mark Twain's famous admonition, "truth is such a precious article, let us all economize in its use."

So I say, freedom of the press does not end with freedom from government censorship. Freedom of the press also encompasses the courage to tell the facts even when they work against your personal interest. Freedom of the press demands the fortitude to protect the minority as well as the majority in their rights. Freedom of the press, as an abstract ideal or as a concrete principle of life demands high courage, personal unselfishness, fortitude, perseverance, and an unswerving leadership in the search for truth. I do not speak as a prophet, nor the son of a prophet; but I say to you with all the sincerity I possess: So long as you gentlemen, the representatives of the press, the men who must shoulder those responsibilities as well as enjoy the high rewards which freedom of the press brings to you, so long as you uphold those responsibilities and truly discharge those duties, that long will freedom of the press survive in this nation. When you yield to adversity, when the press of the nation bows to the winds of expedience, when the press renounces its responsibilities, then will freedom of the press and a dictatorship of truth will be succeeded by a dictatorship of self-serving man.

Those, you may say, are fine phrases, grandiloquent sentiments, but how do they apply?

Liberty does not mean license. Those who believe in the sacredness of free speech—and I take it that free speech and free press are synonymous—must be, in a manner of speaking, their brother's keeper. They must police those who would make of liberty a license. They must curb those who by propaganda methods would use their right of free speech to build up false hopes, false ideals and false standards in our people.

Fortunately for the first 100 years of Texas' existence the newspapers of Texas, which have been the chief mode of expression, have been manned by men of good ordinary, and often extraordinary, sound, common sense. They may have erred, as well as we all have erred. They may at times have followed after false Gods, as all of us do, since all of us are human. But on the whole, on the broad average, they have managed to present both sides of all questions; they have wisely steered popular thought away from dangerous channels. No charge of a reckless misuse of their power of free speech may be laid at the doors of the state's press. The press of Texas has been run for the best interest of our people.

But the press may not, like Pilate wash its figurative hands and thereby disown responsibility when other means of popular expression turn liberty into license. To be definite and specific, I speak of one-sided presentation of public policies and public questions via the radio. I am the last person in this world who would condemn the radio as a means of expression, but I venture to advance for your consideration the idea that you have nurtured and upheld the principle of free speech are now its guardians and must now exert your influence toward the end that the same judicious uses of liberty be made in that medium of expression.

If you have thought at all upon this

subject, I hardly need elucidate. I offer no criticism of commercial advertising. You newspaper publishers depend upon advertising for your bread and butter. It is legitimate business, the lifeblood of the commercial world, and it is legitimate whether published in the press of the nation or published over the airwaves. But I state it as a proposition that we must face squarely the new problem of keeping the airwaves as open to both sides of a question as your columns.

Many reasons would suggest themselves, among them, good taste, decency, and the innate, even if never definitely defined, knowledge that when liberty becomes license, liberty will be curbed.

You know today that in nations across the seas, one of the greatest battles in our world's history is being fought by means of speech over the radio. Nation seeks to drown out nation to preach to the people and bring them to the particular species of salvation which the radiator offers—nazism, fascism, bolshevism, or what have you.

A world war illustration: The French military mission accompanied by the Chicago Tribune staff car, entered Frankfurt. A number of civilians were shot. A French major, representing the high command, stalked into the office of the Frankfurter Zeitung and ordered the assembled editors to print a warning notice addressed to the population. An hour later the French general received his notice back. To it was pinned a printed slip:

"Frankfurter Zeitung, Editorial department. The editorial board of the Frankfurter Zeitung thanks you for submitting the enclosed manuscript, but regrets deeply that it is not able to publish it. This, however, is not to be taken as a reflection upon the literary value of the enclosed manuscript."

The French command was furious. A general in gold braid and medals stormed the editorial sanctum.

"I demand the publication of this notice tomorrow morning, on the front page, in the center, four columns wide, in large type. The safety of the people depends on it," he said threateningly.

His Excellency misunderstands," the editor replied. "The Frankfurter Zeitung in all its history has never been dictated to. The owners have placed this publication in the hands of the editorial board; the board decides on all news. You cannot go above our heads. What you can do is confiscate the newspaper; you can in fact smash the presses, burn down the house, even execute the editors, but one thing no man can do, and that is, tell the editors what goes into this newspaper."

The military raged and stormed and went down in defeat. There was nothing to be done about it. Confiscate the Frankfurter Zeitung, destroy it, hang the editors? What good would this do? He had to give notice to the populace.

"Now if you go about it in a nice way, if you ask us decently to publish the announcement, and if we consider it to the public advantage, we will publish it when and where we think best."

So said the editor. The General apologized. The incident was over.

In all the history of modern journalism, is there another episode to cap this real story of freedom of the press?

This great newspaper has now been Hitlerized. Freedom of the press in that spot is only a glorious memory.

You, the press, are re-asserting your leadership as the moulders of public opinion. The press has not grown soft with soft living—there is no soft living for a newspaper man. Your sneers are as as they were when the editor's pen was feared by every rascal and every malefactor in the land. I know you are strong.

You, the press, can challenge the misstatement. You can point out the error. You can expose the demagogue. You can insist upon, and demand, the truth. The whole truth. You can keep your columns open to both sides. If one is denied the right to be heard, you can seek him out and present his position to the people. You can be always trustworthy, militant, forward and zealous for the cause of good government.

I came here not to preach you a sermon or tell you how to run your business, and if I have overstepped the bounds of hospitality, I humbly apologize. My aim has been to try to convert into words some thoughts which have been deepening in my mind for some time. And in conclusion, I want to emphasize, if I may, that no word of mine has been meant with any personal application. Those of you who know me also know that I have an almost fanatical regard for the basic principle of the American way of government—the government of the people and by the people. The success of such a form of government can be measured by the degree of enlightenment possessed by the people. When the people are mislead, the government wanders off into the outer darkness. You who control the press, you who should be and must be the educators of the people—whether you will or not, the torch is in your hands and upon you rests the responsibility for the future course of this nation's government.

Just recently I have gone through a campaign here in Austin to raise funds for the Infantile Paralysis fight. The local newspapers and everyone connected with them put everything they had behind that effort, and, of course, the drive went over in a glorious way. We raised more than twice as much money as was raised last year. For days the columns of the papers were filled with pictures and stories about the March of Dimes to help alleviate the plight of these little

crippled children. I want to express my gratitude.

I am sure that every newspaper in Texas helped in the same way and I give the illustration only to pay tribute to the press for the many services to humanity you are constantly rendering.

I have just finished reading a book "Jefferson the Forgotten Man" by my friend, Samuel B. Pettengill, in which he says, "Men are beginning to say all over America that the real problem is a revival of the human spirit, which was wrung hard and dry by the World War. I believe this to be profoundly true."

Men lose faith in banks when they lose faith in bankers. They lose faith in private capitalism when its managers break faith. When public officials are no longer trusted, nor respected democracy and free government are no longer trusted nor respected.

The one thing more than all others to my mind that will revitalize our citizenship and make our people think straight is a militant free thinking press which will teach the people that they can be trusted to tell them the truth and the truth will set us free.

We cannot shoulder off our individual responsibilities to be fair, decent, generous and just. The last best hope on earth depends upon you and Freedom of the Press.

Sunday School Workers Have Booster Program

The Methodist banquet and booster program went off with a bang last Wednesday night. There were fifty people in attendance, the gathering being composed of church school workers and the regular prayer meeting group. The upper rooms were opened up and there was a table attractively set with good things to eat. Serving at the table were girls from Mrs. Ferguson's class. The invocation was led by Bro. K. R. Isbell.

Miss Martha Colgan made an inspirational talk after which she introduced the head of each department of the school. Bro. Outler D. Gose, general superintendent, gave his aspiration for the carrying on of the work. Mr. Bill Patton spoke on causes of deficiency in interest and attendance. Next came a splendid address by Miss Cook, superintendent of young people, which was a challenge to us all. Then Mrs. Isbell, who is supt. of the infantile through primary department, gave an account of the work actually being done in her field. She closed

Our Doctor Mourns Passing of Epoch

Alack and alas! The old time First Monday in all its pristine glory has passed off the stage forever. To the real old timer of fifty, forty and thirty years ago, First Monday meant a day in which honest men from all parts of the county came together to spend a day in matching wits in the gentle art of swapping horses and mules and dogs. Today, all that is changed and the jockey yards that once rang with the shrill neigh of the proud horse and the raucous bray of the lowly mule mingled with the yelp of bound dogs and the plaintive cry of the peanut vendor, is filled with sounds entirely foreign to that of yester years.

Instead of the shrill squeal of the proud filly and the challenging echo of the haughty stallion our ears are blasted with the squeal of pigs and the nerve racking honk of the auto. Instead of the soothing bray of the lowly mule, we are made jittery by the lonely howling of orphan bull calves, the asthmatic wheeze of the solicitor for the local and daily papers and the raucous cry of the auctioneer as he melodiously extolls the merits of some two-bit article that he is trying to sell for a dollar.

No longer does our noble brotherhood of "Hide and Bone Men" meet and spend a quiet day telling tall tales as to the merits of their old spavined, broom-tail fillies and knock-kneed horses. To spend an entire day each month among this ancient order of "Odoriferous Horse Brokers" and inhale the odors of sweaty animals mingled with the fumes of tobacco and body odors of human beings was once the happy privilege of every honest citizen but, alas, those days are gone with the wind.

The vast change that has come about in the attendance and the kind of stuff offered by the buying and swapping public during the passing of the quarter of a century was very forcibly brought home to the writer on a recent First Monday in Decatur. A most touching sight indeed was the lone survivor of that period of forty years ago. This old coot never made a "hoss" trade in his life that he didn't hold up his right hand and swear to God the horse or mule he

with an original poem which was enjoyed by all.

This council is voted to become a monthly affair, the purpose of which is to bring out the vital essentials of group responsibility.

was offering was only such and such an age. He never in all his forty odd years trading admitted that his animal was over nine years. The old cuss held up his hand so much that he got so his hand went up automatically whenever he looked at a horse or mule. In fact the habit was so noticeable that the boys dubbed him "Old Swear to Gawd." The poor old fellow is nearly blind now but his hand goes up every time he feels his way up to a horse or mule. Pigs, bull calves and trucks filled the jockey yard on this day in question and poor old "Swear to Gawd" was at a complete loss for something to do or swear to. When last seen by the writer the poor old fellow was standing behind a truck pulling the tail of a bull calf with his left hand and his right uplifted and swearing the animal was a true puller, work anywhere, sound as a dollar and only nine years old. A lump came in our throat as we watched him there and we stumbled back to town with tear-dimmed eyes. Yes, Alack and alas! Them days are gone forever.

—DR. SKYGAK.

There are approximately 20,795 Friendly societies and their branches in England.

Japanese prefer American manners and customs, but in scientific technique they follow the German way, her scholars say.

Atchison, Kansas claims the first plant established in the United States for the manufacture of alcohol to be used as motor fuel.

The recently coined word, Chemurgy, means literally "putting chemistry to work," and it is generally used with reference to the benefit that results to agriculture and industry.

Approximately one third of the Dominion of Canada's lumber exports go to the United States.

Vitamin D is instilled into milk by two methods, irradiation and vitex process.

Chemists do not know exactly what chemical changes take place when milk turns to butter.

The average yield of lint cotton per acre in the United States was 226.8 pounds in 1938 compared with 165.9 pounds in 1919.

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There is a place where you are king, ruler, dictator, whether you're rich or poor, the sphere of your business habits and paying practices. If you are as poor as Job's turkey you still can have sound, high and excellent credit standing. If you are as rich as a king you may be as sorry as some kings have been. Without good credit standings the majority of people of the Decatur trade territory would be at the mercy of fate. Join the majority of intelligent people, pay your debts and protect your credit standing.

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"Our Country In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong." —Stephen Decatur.

Thursday, February 16, 1939

Twenty Years Ago
Taken from Files of Messenger

Miss Naomi Scott of T. W. C. Ft. Worth, spent Sunday at home.

Earl Standley has accepted a position with the city National Bank. Standley is a very efficient man, and will prove a valuable man for this institution.

T. L. Ball and family of Frederick, Oklahoma, visited here this week. Messenger learns from Gene that "maybe, perhaps, probably, sometime" they will move back to Decatur.

There were 7,166 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Wise county from the crop of 1918 prior to January 16, 1919, as compared with 15,199 bales ginned to January 16, 1918.

Chas. Devereux of the 12 Engineers has arrived in New York from overseas service. He is now in a hospital there, but is expected home soon. "Hank" has seen longer service in France than any other Wise county boy.

James Homer Mann of this city has arrived at Camp Bowie from overseas, after about eight months service with the American Army as ambulance driver. He is yet suffering from having been gassed while in active service at the front. Homer drove thru a gas attack, but did not feel the effects of the gas for three days, when he became unconscious while on duty. He remained unconscious for ten days, but after forty days in the hospital he ran off and rejoined his company just as they were moving further toward Germany. Since the armistice he has been with his company as a part of the Army of occupation on the Rhine. Mann saw months of fighting while on duty, and had many close calls for his life. An exploding shell killed a man who was riding by his side on the ambulance, and time after time, he barely missed being hit by the big shells. Homer did not want to come home and leave his partner, Bill Rowan, also of this city, but he was ordered home by General Pershing.

Mrs. H. H. Hanbright, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Rhome, died at her home in that town last Wednesday morning. Funeral services were conducted at the family residence Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The remains were interred in the Aurora cemetery in the presence of sorrowing friends and relatives. Mrs. Hanbright was 82 years of age and had been a citizen of Rhome for a number of years. She will be sadly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Mrs. Hanbright was a splendid type of the Old South womanhood; noble, pure in thought and deeds, and every day following the teachings of her Bible. Messenger extends sympathy to the bereaved ones in their hour of sorrow.

Forty Years Ago
Taken from Files of Messenger

John Simmons went to Fort Worth Sunday.

Col. G. B. Pickett went to Dallas Tuesday on business.

A local telephone wouldn't be bad, but a cotton mill would be the move and should be considered.

Company H, of 3rd. Reg. U. S. V. has been mustered out and the boys are expected home in a few days.

The Texas Brewing Co. will put in a storage house in Decatur which will be under the management of C. M. Gates.

W. B. Fields has lost between 40 and 50 head of cattle on his ranch southeast of town during the recent cold snap. They were bought in Louisiana.

At a meeting of Decatur Lodge No. 1, of the Home Benevolent Association, Tuesday night, February 14th a number of candidates were initiated and the following officers were elected: J. P. Haytor, Worthy Master; N. W. Holcomb, Past Master; Mrs. W. B. Austin, Deputy Master; Guinn Williams, Secretary and Treasurer; Will A. Miller Jr., Conductor; Rev. J. L. Ward, Chaplain; Miss Nellie Dale Warden; Albert Walker, Outside Guard; A. J. Haddix, J. B. Outler,

The Gasoline Tax

Greenest of all taxation fields undoubtedly is the gasoline tax paid by the motorists of Texas. It brings in \$48,000,000 a year.

And for years the people who pay this tax, owners of automobiles and trucks, have had a sign over this green field that reads: "No trespassing!"

So far, that sign has prevented any trespassing. But today those who have

various parts of the state and those desiring safe fraternal insurance would do well to look into its aims and methods. Common prudence dictates that a man shall make provision for his family in case he should be called away from them.

Two hundred mules and horses brought more than \$16,000 at the first big mule and horse auction in Kansas this year. Farmers called it a "pretty good price."

Molten steel does not melt the iron molds into which it is poured because the thick walls of the molds conduct away heat so rapidly that the steel solidifies before it can melt them.

guarded zealously this green pasture know they face a battle in the present legislature. They are getting ready for it.

In the September-October special session in 1936, pensions faced a crisis. There wasn't enough money to pay them. The old people were going to go hungry, it seemed certain. Governor Allred then urged the legislature to divert part of the gasoline tax money to finance old age pensions. And what a storm broke! It was recalled then that Chief Justice Hughes of the Supreme Court of the United States had once poignantly pointed out that for "every journey to a far distant land there must always be a first step."

The friends of good roads, led by The Texas Good Roads Association, two years ago did not want to see the state take this fateful first step. The good roads people were powerful enough then to block it, and instead Texas borrowed about \$3,000,000 from some Dallas banks and the old people were fed and the gasoline tax was kept intact for the purpose for which it was voted.

With this year-by-year increasing demand for governmental services and year-by-year the ever growing temptation to dip into the easy and painless

gasoline tax for whatever is needed. The Texas Good Roads Association has urged a constitutional amendment prohibiting any dipping in, prohibiting any trespassing on this luscious green field of taxation.

What is this gasoline tax? In the first place, it is simply a straight-way sales tax on a commodity, which long ago ceased to be a luxury, but is a necessity. It is a sales tax and the people forget it when they buy gasoline because of two factors: First, the motorist does not have to be bothered with sales tokens when he buys gasoline, and second, he knows the purpose of the tax is to build better roads and maintain them for him. So, the motorist gladly pays 4 cents per gallon every time he buys gasoline—in other words, he pays 20 cents every time he buys approximately a dollar's worth of gasoline, as the state tax.

It's a pretty sizable contribution in the form of a sales tax the 6,000,000 people make—\$48,000,000 a year. That is \$4,000,000 a month. Under the constitution, 1/4 of such taxes must go to the schools, so \$1,000,000 a month goes to the schools. And under the bond assumption act of 1932, another one-fourth, or one penny of this 4-cent tax, goes to retire county road

bonds which were used to build highways now a part of the state highway system. Hence, this is not diversion but merely going back to help counties carry the load for good roads.

From the standpoint of the good roads man and of the gasoline taxpayer also, what is the threat ahead?

It's this: Pensions are once more pounding at the gate for more money from the state government and the greenest field is that of the gasoline tax. The argument is: "Oh, no, no! We don't want to divert any more of the gasoline tax—but let's add 2 or 3 cents to it. Other states have a 6 or 7 cent tax; this would mean more for the schools and would pay the old folks. What's wrong with that?"

The good roads people answer that it is plain downright intellectual dishonesty to tax an automobile owner 2 or 3 cents per gallon to build better roads for his car to travel upon, to save wear and tear on his car, and then deliberately take that tax and do something else with it. They point out that he paid it cheerfully for this purpose for which it was intended, but that he will rise up in his wrath if he is to be sold down the river on the tax he pays at the filling station.—Ed Rider in Houston Chronicle.

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LOCAL NEWS

Simplicity patterns 15c at Riegers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Fullingim visited in Dallas over the week-end.

El. G. Knight visited in Dallas over the week-end.

Jack Roache was in Fort Worth over the week-end.

Raymond Matsinger was visiting in Paradise Tuesday.

W. B. Russell of Memphis visited here over the week-end.

Mrs. Gene Fleming of Charley is visiting her sister, Mrs. Willie Rone.

Mrs. D. L. Ponder of Dallas is visiting here this week.

Cannon Towels, large plaids, 24 x 44 only 25c at Riegers.

Miss Frances Collins has returned from an extended visit in Dallas.

Mrs. P. L. Wade is visiting in Fort Worth this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rowan are visiting their parents here.

Eva Jo Carl visited relatives and friends in Dallas the past week.

Ted Smith was in Dallas Wednesday on business.

Maxine Christian visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Moore in Denton Sunday.

Arnold Shaw of Rhome was in town Tuesday.

Ladies Broadcloth Slips only 25c at Riegers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jordan are visiting relatives here.

Hugh Breedlove and family visited relatives in Justin Sunday.

Mr. E. M. Gettys was in Dallas Friday on business.

Mr. Len Morris of Rhome was a Decatur visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Jim Troxell was in Rhome and Fort Worth on business Monday.

Mrs. Print Porter was a visitor in Fort Worth Monday.

W. C. Milligan attended a masonic meeting at Waco Sunday.

Mrs. Silas Lynch of Dallas was visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. J. J. Rieger is ill at her home with the flu.

Mrs. John Greathouse of Fort Worth visited here over the week-end.

Miss Laura Frances Brady of Fort Worth visited here over the week-end.

Mrs. Nolan Sewell and Mrs. Jim Hagan were Fort Worth visitors.

Ladies Spunlow Rayon Silk Hose 25c at Riegers.

H. M. Hurst of Fort Worth visited here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Petty of Fort Worth were here Friday visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Burton and son, Alse, were in Bridgeport Sunday visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pearson and Mrs. C. A. Burton were in Gainesville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Russell, Mrs. B. A. Man and Mrs. J. T. Darwin were in Fort Worth Monday.

Mrs. Furd Halsell and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell of Fort Worth, were visiting here Wednesday.

Mrs. Claude Washburn and daughter, Peggy Ann Southerland were Henrietta visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Milligan and Mrs. Albert McNeely of Greenwood were shopping in Decatur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Wilhite visited Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hickey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Gregg of Jacksboro visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fox Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Bass of Fort Worth were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Helm Wednesday.

Mrs. Delmer Hannan and little son, James Douglas, of Fort Worth are visiting friends here.

Mrs. Will Oneal has returned to her home in Justin, after visiting relatives and friends here.

Ralph Hoyle and mother were in Fort Worth one day this week on business.

Mrs. T. H. Wright entertained the Book Club at her home on South Trinity last week.

Geraldine Crabb who is attending school at the college visited homefolks in Dallas over the week-end.

The banquet held at the Methodist church Wednesday evening was well attended and a very enjoyable affair.

Jimnie Murrell of Electra visited her mother, Mrs. J. H. Murrell several days last week.

Grover Cleveland was in Denton Sunday visiting his mother, who has been very ill.

Mrs. Worthington Renshaw of Kilgore has been visiting relatives and friends in the city.

Mrs. Carl Christian was visiting relatives in Fort Worth the first of the week.

Mrs. O. L. Thomas and Miss Frances Trenchard were visitors in Fort Worth Monday.

Mmes. B. A. Man, W. B. Russell and J. T. Darwin were visitors in Ft. Worth Monday.

Mrs. Jim Hagan of Electra is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brady here this week.

Mrs. Curren New and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Askey Sunday.

Jim Keith of Oklahoma City is visiting his brother L. W. Keith here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Toland and daughter, Shirley, of Fort Worth visited here over the week-end.

Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Rogers attended a medical convention in Mineral Wells Tuesday.

Mrs. C. A. Burton, Mrs. F. W. Burton, and Mrs. H. B. Pearson were Ft. Worth visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers and Miss Mary Ruth Fowler attended a Curtis Publishing Company banquet.

Miss Eloise McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gibson, Mr. Louie Thomas and Mr. Basil Crawford visited in Crandall and Kaufman last week-end.

Mmes. C. P. Dodson and W. C. Milligan accompanied by Mrs. Hoard of Abilene left Sunday for Houston to visit relatives and attend the national flower show now being held in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Renshaw, Mr. and Mrs. John Renshaw and daughter, Ann Elizabeth visited in Fort Worth Sunday.

Mrs. Carol Weatherby and daughter, Carol Lou, who have been visiting her parents here for the past two months have returned to her home in Tule Lake, California.

Mrs. C. K. Wilkerson entertained with a birthday party honoring her grandson, Little Roger Garrison on his fourth birthday Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Howard Jordan left Tuesday morning for Amarillo to join her husband who has a position with the Texas Cement Co. of that city.

Buy your patterns at Riegers, only 15c.

Mrs. R. B. Smith of Aransas Pass, visitor relatives here this week. She was the beautiful Margaret Hornback before her marriage to Mr. Smith and was a popular girl in Decatur.

Mrs. C. P. Dodson, Mrs. Cody Milligan and Mrs. N. A. Moore are attending the National Flower Show at Houston this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Arnett, Mrs. Francis Milligan and son, Cody visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stitt in Waco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Musgrove and Mr. Oscar Geilke attended the Clover Farm meeting in Fort Worth Monday night.

Mrs. Ben Grubbs was in Wichita Falls the first of the week, from which place she was accompanied home by her husband who had been ill in a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown, Judge and Mrs. Harlan Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Ingram and son John J., Mrs. W. L. Dallas and Mrs. Alma Dallas Jennings were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Caraway at their recently completed home, east of town, just off the Denton highway. This is one of the most substantial and attractive homes in Wise county.

MR. AND MRS. BAILEY STEVENS ENTERTAINS WITH PARTY

Friday night, February 10 was observed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Stevens, honoring Mrs. Stevens sister, Mrs. Carol Weatherby of Tula Lake, Calif. who returned home this Tuesday after a two months visit with friends and relatives.

About thirty friends and neighbors gathered at the Stevens home to enjoy several games of forty-two and a number of other games, after which the hostess served delicious ice cream and cake.

HIGHWAY MEETING TO BE HELD HERE FEBRUARY 21

Decatur will be host to the Highway Beautification Association of District 2, comprising representatives from 9 counties: Jack, Erath, Tarrant, Parker, Johnson, Somerville, Palo Pinto, Hood and Wise.

The business session will convene at 10 a. m. February 21 in the recently completed Lions Club Building. This is open to the public. Mrs. Will Lake is district chairman and will have speakers for this part of the program. Luncheon will be served in the Lions Building, and it is hoped a large number will attend. Musical numbers will be provided and the local committee has secured as their luncheon speaker, Mr. C. P. Dodson, of Decatur, a public spirited man who is very interested in civic affairs. A charge of 65 cents will be made for the luncheon and reservations will be accepted not later than Monday, February 20th by noon.

Phone reservations for luncheon to Mrs. Alma Jennings—phone 80.

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CLUB NEWS

WILLOW POINT H. D. CLUB HAS INTERESTING MEETING

Five Enonymous Japonicas were set out for foundation plantings at the regular meeting of the Willow Point H. D. C. which met at the home of Mrs. Sheppard, yard demonstrator, Wednesday, February 8.

Miss Farquhar told us how to have better foods by planting better gardens. She gave us leaflets, telling what every member of the family should eat and how much they should eat to get the proper amount of nutritional food.

Miss Farquhar also told us how to plan our meals.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Cheves, R. B. Hooten, W. Abernathy, Miss Madeline Shawn, Miss Farquhar, Mmes. R. L. Hooten, J. H. Middleton, O. F. Cheves, C. C. McClurg and the hostess, Mrs. O. Sheppard.

CRAFTON CLUB LADIES LEARN HOW TO BEAUTIFY FARMSTEAD

"With just a little work you can beautify the farmstead," was decided by the members of the Crafton home demonstration club, Thursday afternoon, February 9, in the home of Mrs. C. W. Griffith.

There are several things to consider in beautifying the farmstead. They are as follows: First, value of an attractive home; second, how to plant; third, style of landscaping suitable for a home; fourth, walks and drives; fifth, grass, trees, soils and shrubs; sixth and last, the enjoyment of making the home.

A report was given by Mrs. C. W. Griffith, the council delegate, and two games were led by the recreational leader, Mrs. G. E. Powers.

The following were present: Mmes. J. B. Harris, R. M. Thompson, George Thomas, G. E. Powers, Miss Herlois and Miss Julia Phillips. Three visitors, Mrs. Add Thomas, Mrs. White and Miss Thelma Phillips. The hostess served cookies and hot chocolate.

ARNOLD'S CHAPEL CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. ALTON HAYNES

The Arnold's Chapel Home Demonstration club met Monday, February 6, in the home of Mrs. Alton Haynes, yard demonstrator. Miss Ruth Farquhar, home dem. agent, gave an interesting demonstration on Screen Planting. Included in her talk were ways of beautifying home grounds, landscaping and the preparation of the soil. During the demonstration some 50 shrubs and plants were set out.

Twelve members answered roll call with some improvement which they hoped to make on their yard during the year. During the business meeting a report was given by the council delegate.

Those present were: Mmes. W. M. Foreman, Ruth Foreman, Alice Eason, Dessie Lemme, Thompson Swain, Homer McBride, Rose Rogers, Roy McBride, Lela Erwin, T. E. May, Walter Allison, Alton Haynes; Miss Farquhar and three visitors, Mrs. Johnson and Misses Pansy Camel and Elizabeth Rogers.

Our next meeting will be held on February 13 in the home of Mrs. W. M. Foreman. All friends and neighbors are invited.—Mrs. S. E. May, Reporter.

RED WILLOW CLUB HAS MEETING AT SCHOOL

The Red Willow 4-H club was held

February 8, 1939 at the Red Willow school house.

The discussion was about our clothing expenditure. We also discussed equipment of a sewing box and about our goals.

The club girls elected Miss Charlene Farmer as their reporter. Each girl decided to bring a few cents to buy a new secretary book.

Eleven girls attended the meeting. We are happy to have Marie Rogers, Evelyn B. and Norma Jean Russell as our new members.

DUPLICATE CLUB ENTERTAINED BY MRS. ARNOLD DAVENPORT

Mrs. Arnold Davenport was hostess Thursday evening to the Duplicate Club at her home on West Main street. A lovely salad plate was served to the following: Mmes. Venor Patterson, W. C. Milligan, Carl Christian, Alma Jennings, Ben Grubbs, T. G. Rogers, and C. P. Dodson.

MRS. B. A. MAN HOSTESS TO BLUEBONNETT CLUB

The Blue Bonnett Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. B. A. Man at her home in South Decatur. Refreshments were served to a number of guests.

ELM CLUB MEMBERS LEARN TO SET OUT SCREEN PLANTINGS

Nine members of the Elm club met in order to learn how to set out screen plantings Monday afternoon, February 13, at the home of Mrs. L. N. Nikirk.

As there was not many plants brought to set out, games were played and enjoyed by all. More business was to plan a menu for our March meeting. A committee was appointed to decorate the table, who were Mrs. Tommy Watson, and Miss Venus Watson. Each member is to bring a covered dish. It was also announced that the program committee was to come to Decatur for a training meeting Feb. 22.

Members present at this meeting were Mmes. C. P. Smith, T. T. Watson, J. J. McDonald, J. H. Nikirk, J. C. McIven, Tommy Watson, Clyde Collins, Miss Venus Watson, and the hostess, Mmes. L. N. Nikirk, Don McIven, a visitor.

Visitors are always welcome. Our next meeting will be February 27 at Elm.

WEST ACADEMY CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. O. E. LUMSDEN

Friday evening, February 10th, the West Academy H. D. club met at the home of Mrs. O. E. Lumsden with the president in charge. The meeting opened with a song, "Long, Long Ago." Seven members answered the roll call. Minutes were read by the secretary, then the program, beautifying the farmstead was carried out. Mrs. Nova Hancock, Mrs. J. D. Denney, Mrs. J. H. Redwine, Mrs. S. H. Denney, Mrs. O. E. Lumsden and Miss Esta Denney gave talks on this subject.

Plans were made for a fishing pond party to be held at the school house Tuesday night, March 7.

At four o'clock a motion was made to adjourn to meet next time February 24, with Mrs. J. D. Denney, our yard demonstrator.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Nova Hancock, J. D. Denney, J. H. Redwine, S. H. Denney, H. P. Denney, Miss Esta Denney and the Hostess, Mrs. O. E. Lumsden.

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News Notes from Rural Communities in Wise County

County Agent's Notes

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operated will need to sign work sheets. In the case of those who have moved to another farm or who have bought farms in the county, they will need to sign work sheets.

Greenwood News

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Sloan visited Mrs. Sloan's brother in Wichita Falls Sunday. They visited friends at Hendrick as they returned home.

Mrs. Edna Garner of Vernon returned home Friday after visiting her mother, Mrs. H. M. Smith.

There has been two weddings in our community recently. Miss Bee Keown and Mr. Brewer of Sanger, Miss Winnie Lee Ruten and Mr. Edgar Clark, both of this place. Several others were married during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

J. Bryan and family of the New Salem community visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Lindsey, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Sloan, is leaving Wednesday, to visit friends in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells More visited their grandsons, Robert and Rodney, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert More, recently.

Mrs. John Atkins and Mrs. H. M. Smith honored young Mrs. Ed Clark Thursday, February 9, with a wedding shower. Refreshments were served to about fifty people, who brought many lovely gifts.

Dr. E. M. Parish and Mr. Dee White were in Denton on business Monday.

Jim Florida, Newton Maxwell, Richard Strom, Elvin Moore and others attended the Trades Day at Bowie Monday.

Mr. Fowler has been in Dallas on business this week.

Ernest Clark is building a new concrete cellar.

Knoles Howard is building a new rock house.

Allison News

Some rain has fallen here today (Tuesday). Grain is looking better since the recent snow and rains. So far we have had no really severe weather.

We are sorry we have not been able to report before now of the death of Luke Snow, January 12. He was at the time of his going, living with his parents in Jack county. He died in a hospital at Abilene, Texas. He was laid to rest in the Markey cemetery, with Rev. Baker conducting the service. The floral offering was beautiful. The Snows lived here a number of years and their many friends regret to hear of their bereavement. His brother, Wilson and family, are new residents of Allison. Luke was a Christian and altho he was ill for nearly six years, he was always patient. He lost his eyesight early in his illness and suffered intensely. He was a broken tragic life. A lover of home and all sweet good things that goes with it. We know he is enjoying that home prepared for him by his Saviour, for there is no disappointment in Heaven, no weariness, sorrow nor pain. No hearts that are bleeding and broken, no song with a minor refrain. The clouds of our earthly horizon will never appear in the sky. For all will be sunshine and gladness, with never a sob nor a sigh.

Bro. Coburn, the Methodist pastor filled his regular appointment here last Sunday night.

Travis Underwood and family are home after having been at Junction City for several weeks.

S. E. Bullard and family had relatives from Fort Worth as their guests last weekend.

Charlie Taylor and family of East Texas were here last weekend.

The W. W. club surprised Mrs. Edd Young by meeting at her place and quilting her a quilt a few days ago.

Ray Taylor who lives in East Texas, had the misfortune to get his right wrist broken last week. Last reports he was doing nicely.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Foster of Alvord. The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Foster, live at Allison. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Lone Mound News

Mr. and Mrs. Mose Ray of Fort Worth spent awhile Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Ray.

Mrs. Lewis Nicks and children of the Elm community spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilbert.

Rev. J. C. Miller of Fort Worth was

a dinner guest Sunday with J. W. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Phillips and Mrs. E. R. Raley of the Foster community spent awhile Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Farrington and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Buckler and Lela Bell Smith of Fort Worth spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith.

Miss Mildred Gilbert of Fort Worth spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gilbert.

Mrs. S. B. Spencer spent Sunday night and Monday with Mrs. Emmett McFarley of near Sunset.

Mrs. Bob Allred and little daughter of Decatur spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hodges.

Mr. H. S. Farrington spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. W. A. Claborn.

Rev. J. C. Miller and J. W. Gilbert spent awhile Sunday afternoon with Mr. Gossett of the Audubon community.

Mr. Ray of Wilson, Oklahoma spent a few days last week with his brother, Mr. Edd Ray.

Mrs. P. A. Claborn spent Sunday

with Mrs. W. A. Claborn.

Miss Edna Hodges visited Mr. Glen Kirk of Fort Worth one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitley returned home one day last week from Gainesville where they have been the past two weeks.

Mr. Ball from Oklahoma visited Mr. and Mrs. Edd Ray awhile Sunday.

Sweetwater News

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Childers and family visited Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lewis and son.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Taylor visited Mr. and Mrs. Claud Caraway Monday.

Miss Ollie Gentry of Denton spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gentry.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Adams and W. J. Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Caraway and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pitts and daughter visited Mrs. Pitts' parents in Rusk, Texas.

Miss Odessa Fennell visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. U. Ivy over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scaff visited

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lambeth of Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Scaff of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scaff Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hudson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Boydston.

Miss Lorene Ellis of Decatur visited Josephine Caraway over the week-end.

Dorothy Jean Meador and Billie Mae Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Claud Caraway Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gage and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Boydston and son of Stoneburg.

Miss Pauline Barnes spent the week-end with her parents in Denton.

Miss Minnie Fae Ivy spent the week-end with Mrs. J. R. Fennell of Decatur.

Miss Bonnie Mask visited Miss Emma Roberts of Decatur over the week-end.

Sweetwater school children entertained their parents and friends February 14 with a program celebrating Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, St. Valentine's Day, and Washington's birthday, February 22.

The following were on the program: Ruby Caraway, Bobbie Christine Israel, Mignon Pitts, Margaret Hollis, James Warren Caraway, Evelyn Miller, A. C. Mara, Minnie Fay Ivy, Mary Jo Childers, Helen Caraway, Naomi Ruth Gage, Vera Meador, Lucille Scaff, Joy Sudderth, Mary Jane Caraway, Peggy Nell Israel, Bobbie Ruth Meador, Jessie Mae Ivy, Maurine Childers, and Joe Miller.

After the program hot chocolate and cookies were served.

Aid Will Be Given to Gas Users

Assisting gas consumers to secure the greatest benefits from natural gas service was the purpose of a community Natural Gas Company of employees and district managers in Denton which was attended this week by the local gas company manager, Mr. T. L. Tucker.

"The company's principal objective again this year is to aid gas users in keeping abreast of progress in supplying gas to Texas homes," Mr. Tucker said.

"In the past, natural gas service has improved more rapidly than the development of gas appliances for the most efficient and economical use of gas service, and manufacturers are now closing the gap. Through research and tests they are developing such out-

standing improvements that it is now possible for a gas user to match the company's service with equally efficient and economical appliances.

"Through employee training at this and similar meetings it is the aim of the company to acquaint its customers with these developments in order that they may obtain the most from their natural gas service. The modern gas oven, for example, is such an improvement that it enables the user to cook more food than is possible with the same amount of gas in older types of cooking appliances."

Natural appliance manufacturing leaders attended the meeting accompanied by gas company officials. William J. Hill, Fred A. Kaiser, and Jack Little, officials of Detroit, Michigan. Steve Co., makers of Garland ranges, explained "Miracles of Modern Cookery," demonstrating more efficient and economical gas cooking. Gas company officials attending were Chester L. May, executive vice president; L. B. Denning, Jr., vice president and operating manager, and C. L. Trevitt, new business manager, of Dallas.

Mount Ranier, Washington, now 14,408 feet high, once was 16,000 feet in height, before volcanic activity blew off the top.

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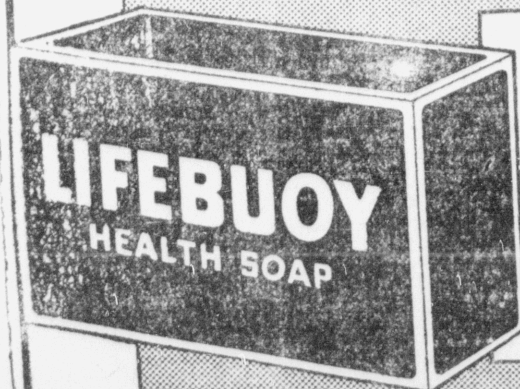


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FOR SALE—One slightly used 20 gallon hot water heater and 100 feet of 1-2 inch galvanized pipe and fittings. Also one ivory and black table top gas range, good as new.—Leon Starnes, Decatur Motor Company.

STRAYED—From Mrs. Montgomery a small black and white toy Boston male dog, with tan harness.—Phone 337.

NOTICE—It will be more convenient for you to get your dressed fryers at LESTER BELL'S if you will notify us a few hours in advance of the time you wish to get them. 2 pound dressed fryers, 48c; undressed fryers 20c per pound.—Lester B Bell, city.

WANTED—White women for house work on farm, including cooking and washing, location near Rhine, age 40 to 55, unincumbered, ideal home for right party. Apply to R. E. Leonard, P. O. Box 1516, Oklahoma City, Okla.

LOST—One-half of Cameo cuff link. Finder please leave at Messenger office.

LOST—Military officers spur and charm. Please return to Mrs. N. A. Moore.

FOR SALE—Corn, oats and barley at my barn in Decatur. Also nice dining table. Phone 161.—Mrs. J. D. Holt.

FOR RENT—One bed room, furnished.—Mrs. H. L. Fox, the A. P. Hayes place, Lang street.

FOR SALE—3 acres of land, desirable building location 1-2 mile north of Decatur on highway or will trade for livestock.—G. G. Dunaway.

FOR SALE—Two stoves, one heater and once cook. Apply at College Street Grocery, City.

FOR RENT—Modern duplex apartment, 3 rooms, bath, garage and all conveniences, close in.—C. P. Dodson.

FOR SALE—Five or six room house across railroad in Decatur.—See Harlan Brown, County Judge.

FOR RENT—Three large rooms, unfurnished, hot and cold water.—W. T. McCracken, Lang street, City.

FOR TRADE—Holstein yearling, subject to register. Will trade for Durham or Hereford. One mile south of Cottondale, Paradise Texas.—White Coffman.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One coffee urn.—See W. L. Walker at school store.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One boys bicycle.—See W. L. Walker at school store, rural route 3.

FOR SALE Good baled outs and hay. See W. L. Walker at school store.

WANTED TO BUY—Good honest smooth mouth work horse at a bargain.—X. X. Jay, at Dr. Darwin's new residence.—X. X. Jay

FOUND—Truck end-gate. Owner can find same at Messenger office, and paying 25 cents for notice.

FOR RENT—5 room house, modern thruout, has garage. See Mrs. Magee at garage apartment at Mrs. Brock Roach house.

LOST—Boston screw tail female pup, has leather harness on her. Anyone finding her, please notify or return to Bob Cates and receive reward.

Watch Paradise

By Mrs. Alyn Gentry

Recently I heard a very intelligent school man make the statement that a high school is just as strong as its English department. I pondered over this assertion for some time, and finally decided that I would "take a look" at our own English department. I had not long to look before I was fully convinced that this department could easily carry the responsibility thrust upon it by the foregoing statement.

It is my purpose this week to give you a brief outline of some of the accomplishments of the English department of the Paradise High School, and I trust that you shall be as delighted with them as I was.

At the beginning of the school year, the prose and poetry to be studied was divided into sections. A leader was chosen for each division, and each leader assigned a certain part of the work to students in his division. This work has proved quite profitable and students have really learned to read for thought. The class contributions for this work have been collected and put in book form under the title "Safe Keep Memory of a Lovely Thing." All typing was done by students. The book is nine by twelve inches in size, and has a cover made of walnut bearing a carved picture of Shakespeare.

Another outstanding undertaking of the English department is the publishing of a magazine to be known as "Scrip." To obtain material for the magazine, a contest was staged and prizes were given for the best short story, essay, drama, and poem by Collins Brothers, V. B. Patterson, Hill Cafe, and F. G. Siddons respectively. Mr. Gasperson donated money for the cover of the magazine, and the design which is to be a stand, pen, and pencil done with water colors in black, green, and white was worked out by Gladys Mae McDaniel.

There were few restrictions to the contest. Any high school student could enter as many fields as he chose. Neither was there anything compulsory about it. All writings were original and were written simply because the student felt the urge to write. The following were kind enough to serve as judges: Mrs. T. P. Read, drama; Mrs. Eari Harnus, short story; Mrs. Billie Green, poetry; and Rev. Bonnds, essay. Numbers and not names appeared on all papers. Much good material was submitted and the judges found it quite difficult to select the best. Following is a list of winners.

Short story: first, June Crouch, "Happy Landing"; second, Gladys McDaniel, "I Wanted My Way"; third, Aylene Leachman, "Two Chickens." Essay: Etheline Hawk Read, "Kindness"; second, Gladys McDaniel, "On Riding on Fenders"; third, Sammie Potts, "Student Self-Government in Desirable Poetry."

Poetry: First, Joyce Phillips, "Home"; second, Elbert Remmele, "Life"; Third, Aylene Leachman, "Life."

Drama: First, Gladys McDaniel, "A Will and a Way"; second, Thelma Pearl Crenshaw, "The Trick Didn't Work."

The English department is now working on an assembly program to be presented at an early date. The program is to be dedicated to the first issue of Scrip, with the hope that it will be printed yearly. Etta Loraine Harnus is to be the announcer for the occasion. Mrs. Smith will present the prizes. June will tell her story. Joyce will read her poem. Etheline will give the philosophy set for in her essay. Gladys Mae's play will be staged by a cast of characters chosen by the author.

The play is written in one act of three scenes. It takes place in the month of October in the Bradford living room, and one scene centers around Halloween night. Following is a list of characters:

Rodney Bradford (A young millionaire much in love with Carolyn Starr); Haden Thomas; Sylvia Bradford (His sister); Gladys Mae McDaniel; Carolyn Starr (A young heiress with high ideas); Anita Jay Siddons; Lord Sidney Marx (A dumb Englishman but one with a title); Joe Nix; Sue Barchelder (Simple and sweet and in love with Rodney); Inez Patterson; Charles Holt (Carolyn's cousin); Elbert Remmele; Chester Wallace (Sylvia's devoted fiance); Jiggs Matsinger; Sergeant Latus, Lloyd Barrow; detectives, Cleo Foreman, Sammie Potts, and Ray Erwin.

Before beginning work on the magazine a visit was made to the printing office at Bridgeport. Students have learned to cut stencils and all work is being done at school. One hundred copies will be printed. We are awaiting the first edition of Scrip with a great deal of interest.

The seventh grade has been busily engaged in the faking of scrapbooks. One of the most interesting reveals the story of cloth and grain in a most entertaining manner. After a study of "The Lady of the Lake," the eighth grade has completed some lovely wall panels. These were done on cloth with crayons. An especially good one pictures the hunt very clearly. Some realistic soap figures have also been carved. The ninth grade recently designed individual covers for grammar exercise booklets. The tenth grade has just completed a log cabin representing crude and unrefined drama.

These, ladies and gentlemen, are only high lights from the accomplishments of our English department. I assure you that a real treat is in store for those who will make it a point to visit the department, you'll always find the door opened wide!

Paradise's prospect for a basket ball team is brighter this season than for several years. Only a few losses will result. One of these will be Ray

Erwin, Captain '38-'39. Sweaters will be awarded to Ray Houston Phillips, Jiggs Matsinger, and Elbert Remmele, Joe Potts Jr. Ray Erwin, Sammie Potts and Travis Ray Porter will be granted letters.

Misses Ellen Faye and Dora Kaker entertained the volley ball girls and their guests with a party Tuesday night. Games were played and refreshments were served to approximately thirty people.

Local teams broke fifty-fifty in a two-team bent of play ground ball with Boyd Friday. Paradise Junior girls won by a score of 11-0. Our boys were less successful, losing by a 6-4 margin.

Auto Industry Gains In Display at Fair

Better business ahead for all phases of the automobile business as a result of the auto-mobilization of America at the two great World's Fairs was forecast today by William R. Tracy vice president in charge of sales for the Hudson Motor Car Co.

"Cash registers all over the country will soon ring out the news that the greatest movement of population the world over has ever seen is underway," Mr. Tracy said, "and the keys on the register marked new cars, good used cars, gasoline, tires and authorized service and parts will ring up the majority of travel dollars for the nine million American families, four to a family, which experts predict will visit to one or both fairs this year."

Pointing out the magnetic influence of two great world's fairs in a single year and their geographic accessibility to the great majority of the nation's motorists, Tracy declared: "1939 will probably go down in history as the 'year of the big trek' and, if the travel experts are right, there are also nine million reasons why this year should see better business throughout the automotive trade.

"New car dealers throughout the land should have ready buyers walk in the doors—buyers they either never saw before or thought out of the market—because it is the most natural thing in the world for the American family to want the joy of a new car for a vacation trip, particularly a trip to the fair.

"A large number of good used cars in the hands of dealers will find a market that did not exist last year because, next to a new car, a good used car, bought from a reputable dealer, is the fair-goer's best guarantee of reliable transportation.

Engine tune-ups and general service and parts replacements should keep dealers service facilities profitably employed.

"Thirty-six million tires will be carefully scrutinized for family safety on the road, and the worthiness of nine million more spares will be weighed.

"Accessory sales should boom, gasoline and oil vendors hustle at their pumps, and hotels, auto camps, dining rooms and cafes throughout the land keep busy as that king of all no-nads, the American motorist, starts fairward with his family."

Trucks Taking Heavy Toll of Life in Texas

Accidents in which trucks were involved on Texas highways during 1937 resulted in the death of 670 persons and injury to 3,360 others, according to information contained in a booklet now being distributed by the Railway and Express Employees association of Texas. The same figures for 1938 are now being compiled.

This 96-page booklet, just off the press, was prepared from actual accounts of highway truck accidents appearing in Texas newspapers during the year. It shows that in 1937 there were 2,640 truck accidents, an increase of 442 over the previous year, and that while the number of persons injured was slightly more than in 1936, fatalities increased by 94.

In a tabulation the booklet shows that 1937 led all other years from and including 1932 in total number of accidents in which trucks were involved, as well as in the number of persons killed and injured. In the six-year period there were 15,233 accidents which resulted in injury to 15,183 and the death of 2,936 persons, which is said to exceed the casualty list of any major engagement during the World War.

Leading causes of accidents, listed in the booklet by Texas towns and cities, are shown as: truck out of control, faulty brakes, sideswiping and drivers falling asleep at the wheel.

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ZEKE SAYS

By Nugent Zekiel Brown

Austin, Texas.—Flash! Here is hot news, believe it or not! If the legislators are really in earnest about cleaning up state departments, let them look into the methods employed in running the insurance department. The fire boys in your town can verify this statement from their experience, if any, with the state department. Article 4878, Chapter 10, Statutes of 1925—Said commission shall ascertain as soon as practicable the annual fire loss in this state; obtain, make and maintain a record thereof and collect such data, etc., etc.

Yet, several years ago, someone removed all "power" to a private "checking bureau," located in a downtown office building in Austin, owned, operated and maintained for the insurance companies—not for the people or the public. If you should want a detailed report of fire losses in your town for the year, you cannot find these records in the state department which is required by the above statute, to keep them. They will be found in this private checking bureau and no one there will tell you anything. Yes, the manager of this private bureau, which has the records, draws a reputed salary of \$15,000 per annum from the companies. Nuf sed!

If you legislators wish to do some effective investigating, why not call in the heads of the insurance department for a few questions and answers? yet your local fire officials wonder why they can't get the rate reduced on down to what it should be!

One hundred and fifty editors and their wives stood and cheered when Governor Lee O'Daniel was escorted into their meeting here Friday for a speech which was liberally applauded. Oh, yes, there are many who disagree with him, but it is surprising how many say the governor is sincere in his efforts. Or is it surprising, despite the huge amount of criticism which has poured on the new Chief Executive.

Legislators were deluged this week with hundreds of letters daily from all over Texas, letters from folks demanding what will be done about the old age assistance program. And, although scores of legislators now admit openly they do not dislike the governor, yet no legislation so far has come out of committees looking toward any sort of tax toward financing pensions. A hearing will be held one day this week in the House on the transaction tax proposal.

Manior Westbrook, East Texas legislator, received much favorable commendation this week when he pleaded for "early action and less holidays and picnic." "When will we quit adjourning on Thursdays?" asked Westbrook. "We are being paid ten dollars a day for seven days a week, and yet we have adjourned every week on Thursday until Monday. It is high time we went to work. The old folks and others are desperate and we should do something."

The House and Senate both passed the bill authorizing the Board of Control to borrow \$900,000 for the pension fund and the bill is now on Governor O'Daniel's desk for action this week.

The Senate held a hearing last week on the proposed increase in the 7000-pound load limit for trucks, at which time some 2000 truckers from all over Texas flooded Austin in person, demanding relief. Some 500 came from

the Lower Valley with the plea, "something must be done at once as only one-third of our citrus crop has been moved whereas, two thirds of the shipping season is gone." The fight for the load-increase is being borne by Valley representatives. Railroad representatives, who are against the proposed truck load increase will have a hearing in the Senate on Tuesday of this week, while truckmen get another hearing on Tuesday, the 21st, in the House. Valley folks maintain their very existence depend upon repeal of the present law, which is likely, judging by expression from many leaders in both houses. The Governor has said he favors the increased load. An injunction was granted at Edinburg Saturday restraining officers from stopping trucks for weighing purposes. This will release many of them from the blockade which has been in effect two weeks.

The Senate committee on state affairs voted unfavorably on continuing the State planning board but the bill to continue the board will be brought to the floor on a minority report. The Senate rejected Truett Smith of Tahoka for life insurance commissioner. While this was, for all purposes, a fight between Senator Nelson and Lieut. Gov. Coke Stevenson (the latter not favoring Smith), it is reliably rumored the big insurance companies were afraid of Smith. Those companies like to dictate the policies of that department and will fight undercover to get a man favorable to them.

Joe Kunschik of Austin, telephone company desk man, took over his duties as the new labor commissioner on Wednesday following confirmation by the Senate. Kunschik, bitterly opposed by labor leaders over the state, is a pleasant-faced youngster who likely will wish, before many weeks, he was back at that desk job. Although he is 29, he looks even younger. Labor is not taking it sitting down, pardon the pun, but have started petitions in Houston and other places asking for recall of the Governor. As state law does not provide for a recall, this will likely end in publicity. But this will not save Young Kunschik from many perplexing problems that are due to come up as the weeks go by when he will match wits with labor leaders.

Texas may soon have a big open beach for swimming purposes along the Gulf Coast, in Brazoria county, if a bill introduced by Paris Smith of Bay City goes thru, whereby he would have a state park created along the coast, "between high and low tide, near the old town of Quintana." Park department folks say the only way to improve the proposed new park would be to use convict labor on same, as the federal government is cutting down on the CCC camps in Texas which have been so valuable to the parks system. More money is needed for the maintenance of the 36 state parks, otherwise many improvements will fall into decay. How to get an economy-wise legislature to grant more funds for the parks department is the big worry now.

Short shorts — Attorney General Mann was denied \$20,000 for the purpose of investigating the cement trust in Texas. Five hundred Rio Grande Valley citrus growers asked the governor to declare martial law to keep weights inspectors from stopping overloaded trucks but so far have not had any action from the governor. C. C. Hudson of Iowa Park, here for the press meet, told us that Zeke Sez is not "hot enough," that more exposures should be brought out! How do you

like this one, C. C.? Julian Capers, Byce House and the writer have decided to introduce a bill to license take an examination, etc. We will see columnists, to make new applicants our senator and representative about it. That chili dinner at Austex Chili Company was up to par excellence, as usual. We believe the bills to make political subdivisions publish semi-annual audits of where their money is spent should get the support of one and all, especially all newspapers, Eh? See you next week! Yours, Zeke.

Texas Shoe Men

Oppose High Taxes

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 15.—Declaring that taxes are already the largest item entering into the cost of doing business, the Texas Shoe Retailers Association is waging a fight against any increase in taxation.

Resolutions adopted at the recent annual convention in San Antonio, affirming that any new taxes would either have to be borne by the merchant or passed on to the consumer, asserted that more than 25 per cent of the gross income of the shoe retailers now is paid in taxes of all kinds.

"The volume of taxes 'in our opinion, stands as a barrier to economic recovery,' and 'a further increase in the cost of government at this time would be, in a measure, confiscatory of business,'" it was asserted. The resolution concluded:

"We, therefore, go on record as vigorously opposing any further increase in taxation of any kind or nature, or the levying of any new tax, and recommend to the legislature that it balance the budget by a reduction of appropriations or costs of government; and our state officials, both elective and appointive, are urged to operate their various and sundry departments on a more efficient and less extravagant basis. We condemn waste in all forms and demand, at the hands of our public servants, less politics and more sound business judgement in government."

The American oriole is named for its resemblance to the true orioles of the Old World, and is known under the scientific family name of Icteridae.

Alcohol distilled from sweet potatoes is the latest result of Japan's intense drive to find synthetic materials and processes.

While an automobile is being operated at a normal driving speed, the fuel burned by the engine is being fired at the rate of 9,000 times a minute.

A giant tortoise cannot right itself, once it has fallen on its back.

Forest service nurseries in Kansas produced 7,575,800 trees for planting during 1938, officials estimate.

A baby has eleven more bones than an adult; some of them knit together as he grows up.

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FOR TRADE—Forty acres land for trade for stock, six miles east sunset, Texas, Decatur, Texas Rte. 4, McCall Dairy.—See G. L. Alexander. 7

FOR TRADE—1931 Ford coupe, re-conditioned motor, good tires, good shape, to trade for cattle or sheep. Decatur, Tex. Rte. 1.—J. E. Giles. 7

STRAYED—About two weeks ago, grey female cat, medium large, with red markings in large spots. Mrs. R. E. McDermott on the Jim Cunnies Place, 2 miles west of Decatur on the Decatur Bridgeport highway.—Mrs. R. E. McDermott. 7

FOR SALE—I have a very limited number of Narragansett turkey toms. First come, first served. Preskett community, Rte. 1, Decatur.—Mrs. Earl Mooney. 7

FOR SALE—Sweet potato seed, \$1.00 per bushel. Rte. 2, Decatur.—J. R. Buchanan. 7

FOR SERVICE—Registered O. I. C. bear for service one mile east of Decatur.—J. Chas. Davis. 7

FOR SALE—One walking cultivator; one 10-inch lister; one 10-inch plow and walking planter; one wagon; S. C. White Leghorn setting eggs, 2c each. M. Johnson strain, at Aurora, Rte. 1, Rhine, Tex.—W. W. Lafield. 6

EGGS FOR HATCHING—S. C. White Leghorns, Hanson strain; \$1.00 for 15, or \$5.00 hundred. Paradise, Tex., Rte. 2.—Mrs. B. C. Allgood. 6

FOR TRADE—Five year old mare \$55.00 good work horse, \$35.00, will trade for cows. Decatur, Rte. 1.—J. P. Whitley. 6

FOR SALE—Yellow Dent seed corn, three miles east of Tribble Station on R. L. Bryn Farm. Priced reasonable. Rhine, Tex. Rte. 2.—S. S. Shimp. 6

FOR SALE—Year old apricot trees, 10 cents each, or 12 for \$1.00. Decatur Rte. 3.—James Vandiver. 6

FOR SALE—Pure home rendered hog lard at 12 1/2 cents per pound.—T. R. Burnett, Rte. 1, Decatur. 6

FOR SALE—One blower and tongs, one 108lb. Peter Wright anvil, one post drill and one good heavy steel vice, all for \$20.00. Chico, Tex., Rte. 1.—W. R. Robinson. 6

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good 2 wheel trailer equipped with stock boards. Will take \$50 in cash or any thing of equal value that I can use in the way of livestock. Seven miles south of town. Rte. 2, Decatur.—Ross Chittum. 6

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A good dependable coal or brooder, 350 chick capacity. Not the kind that goes out. I guarantee this brooder, \$5.00 cash or will trade for thrifty pig or calf large enough to eat well, or anything I can use. Boyd, Texas, Rte. 4.—Eva C. Read. 5

FOR SALE—A good young mare. I guarantee her to work to any thing. Equal to a mule for hard work and will raise a fine colt besides. If interested in young mares, see me. I have two other young dependable mares for sale. Boyd, Tex. Rte. 1, Clyde Read. 5

WANT TO SWAP FOR—Or buy a good '29 or '30 model A Ford coupe or roadster. Decatur, Rte. 1.—Ralph Rhine. 5

FOR SALE—30 dairy cattle for sale, \$1,250; 210 acre dairy farm. Greenwood, Texas.—W. B. Adams. 5

FOR SALE—A 220 egg capacity Buckeye incubator and a Blueflame kerosene brooder. Both for \$15.00; were in good condition when last used; also a good wood cook stove for \$10.00. See Jno. L. Dobson, at the home of W. E. Wilson, Box 53, Greenwood, Texas. Jno. L. Dobson. 5

FOR TRADE—One team mules six and seven; one mare four years old; one mower, planter, cultivator, drop harrow, wagon, lister, cream separator. Rte. 4.—Sam Phillips. 5

FOR SALE—Team of good large mules, age is good. Nine miles south of Bridgeport, Texas.—R. R. Crawford 5

WILL TRADE—Two-year-old paint fill, will trade for 3-disc tractor plow. Bridgeport.—A. E. Tackle. 5

FOR SALE—Ten rick stove wood at \$1.00 per rick; one wide tire wagon. Decatur, Texas Rte. 1.—B. F. Frazier. 5

FOR SALE—Johnson's Imperial White Leghorn cockerels that will be ready for service in February. See me at once. Bridgeport, Texas Rte. 1.—J. R. Pool. 4

WILL TRADE—New \$30 bicycle, never been used for bred Durac Red gilt. Apply at Messenger office. 4

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Brown and daughter, Kathleen and Mrs. J. A. Christian were Greenwood visitors Sunday

Look Into A Mirror

By Mary Ruth Fowler

Have you thought to analyze your dress habits? Have you ever stood on a street corner and studied how the people were dressed. Haven't you been able to detect something about them from the kinds of clothes they wear and the manner in which they wear them. Have you noticed that some persons have a much more radiant personality when they wear certain styles and colors

You sometimes hear the comment, "I can't afford to dress well." But you cannot afford to dress other than well. Remember that simplicity of dress, immaculate lines, clothes pressed and clean, are the essential things in being well-dressed, no matter in what society you may move.

STRAYED—Two grey geese. Please ring No. 39.—E. B. Harrison. 5

FOR SALE—Good Rhode Island Red setting eggs; 3 cents per egg at farm. Decatur, Rte. 4.—Siles Lee Dell Stewart. 4

FOR TRADE—One brood mare ten years old to trade for milk cow and one mow to trade for corn. Decatur, Rte. 3.—E. C. Rice. 4

FOR SALE—Blood tested Rhode Island Red setting eggs at 50c per setting, 2 miles west on Jacksboro highway.—Mrs. H. M. Mooney. 4

WOOD FOR SALE—One dollar (\$1) for heater wood and \$1.25 for cook wood per rick on the ground at my place 2 1/2 miles on Boyd road after you leave the highway.—Ford Jones, Decatur, Rte. 2. 3

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One six year old mare to trade for cows or hogs and also a small farm light plant in excellent condition for trade or sale.—J. W. Clark, Rte. 2, Alvord, Texas, Box 56. 3

LOST—Two sacks cement on Decatur and Greenwood road Saturday the 4, if found please notify the Messenger.—R. E. Florida. 6

FOR SALE—Ten tons of good Johnson grass hay; some bundle feed. Greenwood, Texas.—Fred Milligan. 4

FOR SALE—Johnson Grass Hay, \$8 at my barn. Turn off highway at 5-mile crossing then 2 1/2 miles down Boyd road.—Ford Jones, Decatur, Rte. 2. 3

FOR SALE—Carmen grape vines at ten cents (10c) each.—Joe B. Howard, Greenwood, Tex., Rte. 1. 3

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Two year-old saddle pony and two coming year-old colts.—Rte. 1, Claud Rhine. 3

FOR SALE—Seed corn, 4 varieties. Plenty of Nortex seed oats at my barn in Decatur.—W. H. Walker. 3

FOR SALE—Three hundred bushels of yellow corn for sale at 50c per bushel, and home made syrup for 50c a bucket. Rte. 1, Greenwood, Texas.—T. P. Foster. 3

FOR SALE—Two Barred Rock cockerels, \$1.00 each. Chico, Texas Rte. 1.—Mrs. J. H. Redwine. 3

FOR SALE OR TRADE—For hay delivered to my barn, a gasoline engine. Would trade for any thing useful. Chico, Texas.—E. A. Booth. 3

STOLEN—From my place 300 bushels of oats. Whoever is guilty, pay Clyde Manning 30c per bushel and keep the oats, and no more will be said. Rte. 2, Decatur.—Clyde Manning. 2

FOR SALE—About 150 bales of oat straw, 3 1/2 miles southeast of Decatur.—Tom W. Burton. 3

FOR TRADE—One smooth mouth horse and one smooth mouth mare for younger work animal. 3 1/2 miles Southeast of Decatur. Tom W. Burton. 3

FOR SALE—300 bushels of good oats; 100 bushels of corn. 5 1/2 miles N. E. Boyd.—Lee Rogers. 3

FOR SALE—About 400 bushels barley and 110 black face sheep. Rhine, Rte. 2.—Dale Meyers. 3

FOR SALE—Good heavy, bright baled oats. Decatur, Rte. 4.—E. C. GIBBARD. 2

FOR SALE—Nortex seed oats. First year certified seed, free from Johnson grass, 35c per bushel, at farm on Illinois Lane, Rhine.—Joe Thurmond. 2

FOR SALE—I have six Jersey milk cows for sale. Some fresh and others will be in a few days.—H. M. Branch. 2

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Short Sermon

Outler D. Gose

Pope Pius, XI. is dead. Tho of a different church from me, I considered him a great and good man, a man whose heart was always touched by the sufferings of the great masses of humanity—the great multitudes whom as Jesus in his day, looked upon and "He had compassion upon them."

The Pope was a man of great courage. Regardless of dictators, chancellors, kings and potentates—he spoke his convictions in no uncertain terms. He was an ardent advocate of world peace, talked for it, worked for it, prayed for it. No doubt the horrible slaughter of women and children and the murder of fathers and sons by the war lords of Europe and Asia, hastened the death of the ever vigilant Pope.

The Catholic church is now promoting a "Clean Literature Movement," which is to reach into every parish, asking every member not to buy or read magazines, story books, etc., that are trashy, dirty, unclean and that will defile the manners and morals of boys and girls, men and women. All Protestant churches are of the same mind, but let us come out strong against this cheap stuff as never before.

Once a woman went into a meat market. The clerk asked, "What is it for you?" She replied, "I want the finest, juiciest, piece of T-bone steak that you have—the very best." She got it. On down the street a block, this same woman entered a news stand. The clerk asked, "What is it for you?" She replied, "Something to read." He said, "Anything in particular?" She answered, "Oh, no, just any thing will do. It doesn't make any difference."

Funny, isn't it, how some people will put only the purest and best food in their stomachs, but will fill their minds up with just any kind of trash or poison. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, said Solomon, for out of it are the issues of life."

The Methodist Church

The Friendly Church In the Friendly Town

Sunday was another great day with the Methodists, with big attendance at all services, and Sunday night crowd being the best of the winter. Pastor Ishel preached to the young ladies, reading the entire 31st chapter of Proverbs. The young men's answer to the questionnaire showed a unanimous disapproval of smoking and drinking among girls and women, and exalted Christian character, church work, home-making and home-keeping as essential qualities of an ideal wife.

The sing song fellowship meeting following the evening service for 30 minutes had 100 present. Everyone enjoyed the singing, good fellowship, and the light refreshments at the close. Come next Sunday night for a rousing sermon, and remain for the after service. We sing your songs with organ or piano, or both as you choose—let us lead, if you care to.

Fifteen young people attended the League Rally at Bridgeport Tuesday evening. Pastor Ishel and wife spent three days this week at Pastor's Conference at S. M. U.

The Teachers and Workers banquet last week had 50 present with inspiring program. Miss Colgan leading, and lots to eat. Not only workers, but any others who will—were wanted at the next banquet.

Dr. Rogers, than whom there is no better lay speaker in Decatur, will teach the men's big class next Sunday. Let's have 75 hear him.

Our Sunday School secretary from Dallas, Dr. Kiker, will preach at 11 a. m. Also he wants to meet every Sunday School teacher and officer in afternoon at the church at 1:30.

To all who are looking for a church home. . . This church extends a hearty welcome. Join on profession of faith or by letter.

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FOR SALE—A good young mare. I guarantee her to work to any thing. Equal to a mule for hard work and will raise a fine colt besides. If interested in young mares, see me. I have two other young dependable mares for sale. Boyd, Tex. Rte. 1, Clyde Read. 5

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FOR SALE—A 220 egg capacity Buckeye incubator and a Blueflame kerosene brooder. Both for \$15.00; were in good condition when last used; also a good wood cook stove for \$10.00. See Jno. L. Dobson, at the home of W. E. Wilson, Box 53, Greenwood, Texas. Jno. L. Dobson. 5

FOR TRADE—One team mules six and seven; one mare four years old; one mower, planter, cultivator, drop harrow, wagon, lister, cream separator. Rte. 4.—Sam Phillips. 5

FOR SALE—Team of good large mules, age is good. Nine miles south of Bridgeport, Texas.—R. R. Crawford 5

WILL TRADE—Two-year-old paint fill, will trade for 3-disc tractor plow. Bridgeport.—A. E. Tackle. 5

FOR SALE—Ten rick stove wood at \$1.00 per rick; one wide tire wagon. Decatur, Texas Rte. 1.—B. F. Frazier. 5

FOR SALE—Johnson's Imperial White Leghorn cockerels that will be ready for service in February. See me at once. Bridgeport, Texas Rte. 1.—J. R. Pool. 4

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FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH

We had a full day at the church last Sunday; good attendance and the Spirit of the Lord was manifestly present. One hundred sixty-one in classes. Bro. Winston Robertson from D. E. C. preached at the eleven o'clock hour, delivering a good message from Gal. 6:7: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Bro. Robertson acquitted himself well and is hereby cordially invited to visit us again.

At close of morning message, church was called into conference and announced ready for the call of a pastor. The name of Bro. Lois Vess of Slidell was placed before the church for consideration, and he was elected as pastor. He will preach every night through the week. A large audience greeted him at the evening service and was favored with an interesting and effective Gospel message. Three restorations, and old time shoutings and rejoicing such as we seldom hear in our churches these days. Bro. Vess' text was Heb. 3:7-8: "Today if ye hear His voice, harden not your hearts. . . ."

Attend these services through the week. You will not be disappointed but a spiritual blessing is assured to all who come in the spirit of worship. Bro. Vess will announce his decision with reference to call during the week. We are expecting him to be on the field soon as shepherd of our flock. Let us shoulder our arms like good soldiers of the cross, and join forces with him in routing the Devil and his imps from our midst.

We congratulate the leaders of the other churches of our little city in the good work they are doing in increased attendance in Sunday School. The Lord bless and prosper our work to His honor and glory.

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Assembly of God

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J. T. HORNER, Pastor.

Baptist Church

The treasurer's report February 8th showed that contributions amounted to more than \$800. Something over \$400 of this for the Sunday School building and the other \$400 was the amount contributed to the church budget. The church clerk reported that the membership now is a few above six hundred.

The Sunday School attendance last Sunday was eleven short of 300, but there was a large crowd present for the morning preaching service, and there were three additions to the church during the day. There are more people joining the church at the regular services than at any time before during the present pastorate, and many of the members have expressed themselves as having an unusual sense of God's presence in our meetings for

worship. We praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Southern Baptists are hoping for the greatest revival in their history during 1939, and preparatory to this great evangelistic campaign they are launching a go-to-church movement the first Sunday in March. We want to see what God will do for us, so we will agree to attend all the Sunday services of the church for a period of 3 months, read the Bible daily and pray for a great revival. We had a "try me" titling campaign in our church a few years ago, and it was the beginning of new financial prosperity for the church. We are now planning a "try me" campaign on church attendance, and praying for the coming of a new era of spiritual prosperity.

The pastor will preach next Sunday at both hours.

R. E. BELL, Pastor.

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